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### SURF MEETING AT OCEAN GROVE.

Beside the sea the wondering people stood,  
Or sat, or bowed, devotion's earnest throng;  
The spirit, lost in worship's attitude,  
Mingled its praises with the billows' song.

O widening sea, O ever heaving flood,  
Here on thy margin, where the surges roar,  
Thy people rise to thee, O blessed God,  
They weep, they worship, triumph and adore.

E. H. S.

# OCEAN GROVE,

*"Camp Meeting Association"*

ITS ORIGIN AND PROGRESS,

AS SHOWN IN

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# MAP OF



Map of New Jersey, showing the various Routes to Ocean Grove.



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OCEAN GROVE CAMP-MEETING ASSOCIATION.

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## FACTS IMPORTANT TO BE REMEMBERED.

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For all information, and business matters connected with Ocean Grove, communicate with Rev. H. B. BEEGLE, Ocean Grove, Monmouth co. N. J.

The Association has a large number of first-class new tents, with flies, bunks, &c., which are erected to order, and can be rented by the week, or for the season, at reasonable rates.

Cottages, erected by private individuals, in considerable numbers, can usually be rented for the season.

Boarding houses are so multiplied that no fears of obtaining comfortable board and lodging need now be entertained. Price of board, \$12 per week, and upwards—or rooms can be rented, and meals taken at the restaurants.

Every thing needed by house-keepers, either in furniture, provisions, or country produce, can be purchased at Ocean Grove as cheaply as elsewhere, without the trouble and cost of transportation.

The water at Ocean Grove is superior, and inexhaustible.

Stages for Ocean Grove connect at Long Branch and Squan, with all trains, until such times as the Rail Road shall be completed, when passengers will be landed a few hundred yards from the Camp-Meeting circle.

Lots at Ocean Grove are leased for 99 years, subject to renewal without expense, if conditions are complied with.

Lots are sold to Ministers at reduced rates.

All the proceeds from the sale of lots, and other incomes at Ocean Grove, are devoted to the payment of lands, and the improvement of the same. The individual members of the Association receive no benefit whatever.

There are many lots not yet taken, equal to any on the ground.

Lots can not be occupied for purposes other than as Summer residences without the written consent of the Association.

Cottages can not be occupied longer than from the 15th of May to the last of October, without the written consent of the Association.

Lots can not be transferred from one party to another without the written approval of the Association.

Boating and bathing are prohibited during the hours of public worship, through the ten days allotted to the Camp-Meeting.

Boating and bathing are prohibited at all hours on all Sabbath days.

All games, amusements, &c., are prohibited on the congregational grounds inside the first circle of tents, or so near as to disturb worship.

The gates at Ocean Grove are kept open on Saturday nights until 11 o'clock, up to which time all are welcome. *They are then closed until Monday morning.*

## TO THE READER.

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THE OCEAN GROVE CAMP-MEETING GROUNDS have had a remarkable growth. From a wilderness they have (in four years) in many places assumed the appearance of a garden, with a Summer population of from eight to ten thousand people. Many misapprehensions as to the facts of our history have prevailed—some of them so strange that it is surprising any should have entertained them.

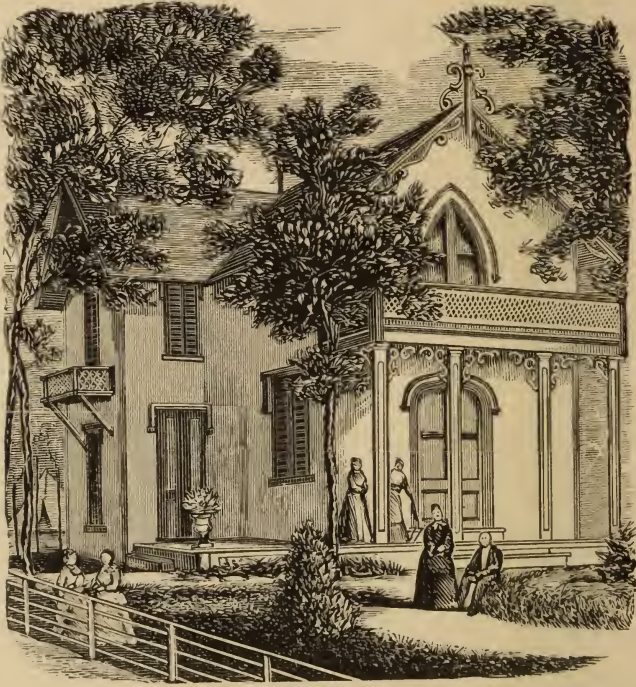
The Association could not always stop to explain the reasons for all its actions; and if it had, the facts involved in the explanations, being made public, would perhaps have thrown additional obstacles in the way of success. It had, therefore, simply to toil on—often bearing censure, yet, conscious of integrity, toiling in hope. The time for withholding these facts is now past, and the assurance is felt that the statements made in the following pages will set many minds at rest.

The Reports, as herein published, are as read by the President at each annual meeting, with the exception of certain omissions of details, for greater brevity in publication. It is thought that almost, if not quite, every question that has perplexed the reader's mind, will find an answer here, and, by following the reports from year to year, the development of the enterprise will be clearly seen.

The Executive Committee and members of the Association have toiled in this enterprise from the beginning *without fee or reward*, upborne by the single fact that they believed they were doing a great work for God. We still ask the prayers and support of the good, of every name.

CAMDEN, N. J., JUNE, 1874.





Sylvandale Cottage,  
Residence of REV. E. H. STOKES, President O. G. C. M. A.,  
Cor. Lake Avenue and Wesley Place.

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Here in the shade beside the quiet lake,  
In sight and sound of Ocean's silvery foam,  
The spirit, worn, can busy cares forsake,  
And nature, wearied, find a peaceful home.

E. H. S.



# OCEAN GROVE.

## SKETCH OF ITS ORIGIN.

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BY REV. E. H. STOKES,

President of the Association.

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A brief outline of the history of the Ocean Grove enterprise, seems appropriate. Its origin was simply this: A few familiar friends, after protracted labors in the pastorate, felt that an annual respite of a few weeks from these toils, was an absolute necessity. But where, in connection with congenial society, free from fashion and folly, at an expense within their means, could such rest be found? This was a grave question, and for several years remained unanswered. The first crude thought was, is there not, somewhere along the sea, a convenient place, where a few families of like mind, can pitch their tents, and for a little while in Summer, enjoy the sea-air, bathing, fishing, etc., having such social and religious exercises intermingled, as convenience and inclination might suggest? An affirmative conviction seemed to rest on all. But it was a long time before the crude thought gathered sufficient strength to assume definite shape. Meanwhile, Rev. W. B. Osborn, whose interest in Camp-Meetings is generally known, traveling extensively through the State, and conversing with many persons on the subject, associated with this thought of a Summer resort for Ministers, a long cherished idea of a camp-meeting by the sea, and soon became greatly interested in the selection of a proper place. In this work, the New Jersey coast, from Sandy Hook to Cape May, was thoroughly explored, and the grounds now occupied, six miles South of Long Branch, having a magnificent ocean front, with splendid grove, bounded North and South by fresh water lakes, with every other convenience needed, was selected as the best adapted to our wants.

It was soon decided to purchase six acres of this land, lying in the grove immediately along the Northern lake, and, in this small compass, a few of us proposed, in the simplest and most unostentatious way, to assemble from year to year, and enjoy our Summer rest in bathing, fishing, worshipping, or sauntering socially along the shore, free from the heavy

cares which we felt resting upon us, welcoming from the immediate neighborhood such as might choose to join us in our simple service by the sea.

It was no speculation ; no scheme for money raising ; no device of any kind, but simply and singly, social, recreative, and religious, mainly—excepting the few neighbors who might desire to worship with us—for ourselves alone. The great world we did not seek, but rather shunned, following the Saviour's invitation, "Come apart into a desert (or quiet) place, and rest awhile." In this informal, social and religious way, eight or ten families met in the Summer of 1869. We gave ourselves up to rest, yet at the same time, two or three religious services of an intensely interesting character, were held each day. The grounds were solemnly consecrated to the worship of Almighty God, with overwhelming and never-to-be-forgotten evidences of the Divine approval. Every one was delighted, and the rich communion enjoyed with God and nature along the ever sounding sea, was left with profound regrets.

As our plans became known, others wished to unite with us, and we were earnestly desired so to extend our enterprise as to include all who sought similar relief from the heavy cares of professional or business life. Yielding to this request, in the Winter of 1869, an Association consisting of thirteen Ministers and thirteen laymen, was formed, and a charter obtained from the New Jersey Legislature, under the following title : "The Ocean Grove Camp-Meeting Association of the Methodist Episcopal Church." The following paragraphs precede the charter : "Recognizing the truth and beauty of the Scripture declaration, 'The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof,' and being especially impressed with the propriety of having a portion of the land skirting the sea consecrated to sacred uses, we, whose names are hereunto annexed, with a single eye to the Divine glory, and in humble dependence upon our Heavenly Father's aid, do hereby solemnly covenant together, to use certain land, which has been providentially committed to our trust, for these high and holy purposes. And we further declare it to be our design, to keep these lands a *perpetual* oblation upon Christ's altar, enjoining the same duty upon those who may succeed us. To this end we mutually pledge our Christian honor." The By-Laws declare the objects of the Association to be as follows : "To provide for the holding of Camp-Meetings of an elevated character, especially for the promotion of Christian holiness, rigidly excluding all forms of speculation, and to afford those who wish to spend a few days or weeks at the sea shore, an opportunity to do so at moderate cost, and free from the temptations to dissipation usually found at fashionable watering places."



Any surplus funds remaining to the corporation, after defraying the necessary expenses for improvements or otherwise, are to be devoted to such benevolent objects as may be determined by the Association at its regular meeting.

From this time our enterprise assumed proportions not anticipated by any at its commencement, and from *six acres* has advanced to two hundred and thirty. This land, when originally purchased, was in many places overgrown with a tangled wildwood, while in others it was rough, unsightly and barren. To reduce it to its present condition, has been a very laborious and expensive work. Still, as the demand for lots exceeded our most sanguine expectations, we have gone forward, expending thus far *more than all* receipts, in payment for lands and permanent improvements thereon, and as funds continue to be received from the sale of lots and other sources, improvements for the general good will still be made. The grounds are laid out in beautiful avenues and parks. Some of these avenues, as they stretch across the open beach-land, are, at their commencement at the grove, two hundred feet wide, increasing in width as they approach the sea. The aggregate length of avenues now open is about five miles. The number of lots already surveyed is about fifteen hundred, two-thirds of which are now sold. Over three hundred cottages, some of them very beautiful, varying in cost from one hundred and fifty to over three thousand dollars, are already built, and many more will be erected the coming season.

The Eastern front of our grounds, half a mile in extent, is bounded by the Atlantic Ocean, where the surf bathing is unsurpassed; the West by a good turnpike, leading from Long Branch, six miles above, to Shark River, two miles below; the North by Wesley and the South by Fletcher lake, both of which are fresh water, where the boating privileges are fine, and the bathing, for ladies and children who fear the surf, superb. The congregational grounds, where large, high toned, and successful Camp-Meetings have already been held, are just inside Sea-Drift Heights, in a delightful grove of thrifty young oaks, *exactly five hundred yards from the open sea.*

Ocean Pathway, leading directly from the Preacher's stand to the surf, is a fine graveled walk, in the centre of a park, fifteen hundred feet long by two hundred feet wide at the grove, and widening to three hundred at the sea. Ocean Avenue, running parallel with and immediately along the sea front, is also several hundred feet wide. Cottages are now being built on both these thoroughfares, and when the grounds are completed as the plans require, will be the most magnificent avenues to be found.

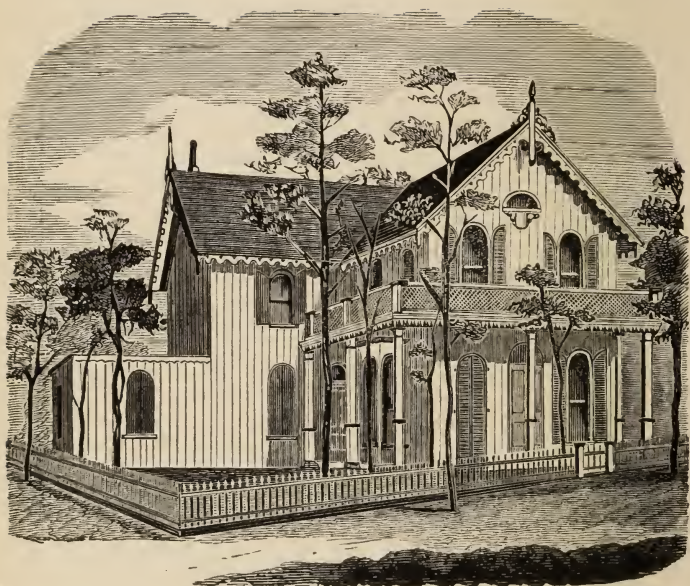
Superior water for drinking and general household purposes is everywhere found, by means of tube pumps, at a depth of from fifteen to twenty-five feet, and the supply is inexhaustible. A number of buildings have been erected by the Association, for business and other purposes. Among these are a store for general merchandise and provision, also, a building used by the Association for post office, telegraph office, general news office, book store, etc. The Grove Cottage, just inside the gate, has been recently purchased by the Association, of Mr. Charles Rogers, raised, and otherwise improved, and will be kept open the year round for the accommodation of visitors. Ice houses, bathing houses, bathing lines, boats, etc., are provided, and will be multiplied as necessity demands.

From this brief sketch it will be seen that our plans are vastly beyond original intentions. This enlargement has been pressed upon us. We have accepted the pressure as a providential call. The enlargement has involved a vast amount of care, anxiety and expense ; difficulties, too, have sometimes so accumulated as seemingly to obstruct our further progress, but toiling on in faith, God has many times marvellously opened our way. Efforts still are necessary to complete our plans, but, as we believe our work is of God, we shall toil, and pray, and wait.

CAMDEN, N. J., Feb., 1872.







Residence of D. H. BROWN, Esq.

Treasurer O. G. C. M. A.

Lake Ave. near Pilgrim Pathway.

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The toil of weary years has passed away,  
And here with competence and honor crowned,  
Parents and happy children sing their lay,  
Where ocean, lakes, and sylvan shade are found.

E. H. S.

# FIRST ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

## President of Ocean Grove Camp-Meeting Association.

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SEPTEMBER 13TH, 1870.

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DEAR BRETHREN :

In making this, the first annual report of the Ocean Grove Camp-Meeting Association, allow me to congratulate you on the evident and unmistakable assurances of the Divine favor which have attended every step of our progress, and the gratifying success which has thus far crowned every effort. To God be praise.

In carrying forward our work to its present condition, difficulties of varied and oftentimes perplexing character, have frequently been encountered, and difficulties, too, which sometimes seemed entirely to obstruct our further progress, but in looking to God, these difficulties have not only vanished, but oftentimes were overruled for the general good. When one door of success closed, another and broader almost immediately opened.

As one of the first items of information necessary to be laid before you, I herewith submit, according to a resolution of a meeting of the Association, held on the ground, August 4th, a surveyed map of the grounds owned by the "Ocean Grove Camp-Meeting Association," with an abstract of titles.

By a single glance at this map, it will be seen that the 230 acres, more or less, which this map covers, have been purchased from a number of different parties. The searching out of these parties, many of them living at remote points from each other, in most instances holding undivided interests, some minors, and some possessed of other disabilities, has involved an amount of patient labor which none but those fully determined that the enterprise must not and should not fail, could possibly have accomplished.

In some instances, too, such have been the complications of ownership, that the adjustment of interests, and perfection of titles, have been very

slow. But I believe all these complications are now overcome, or so nearly so as to make the final consummation an easy work. And I mention another fact in this connection, which I am sure will be gratifying, that in such cases where the Association is not prepared to liquidate all the claims against it, in the purchase of lands, our worthy Treasurer proposes to give his personal note in payment for the same, thus leaving the land without incumbrance, a state of things very earnestly desired by many of those who have purchased lots.

In order to secure as large a front on the turnpike as possible, six acres have been purchased of Charles Rogers, which gives us the control along the public road, from the head of the lake, about three-eighths of a mile, in a Southerly direction.

All the tract of land held by the Association, has been gone over by a careful and competent surveyor, and that part of the tract lying on the beach, outside of the grove, and that part of the grove lying North of the main line, have been laid out in lots, mainly 30 by 60 feet.

On the 22d of December last, at a meeting of brethren composing the Association, held in the Trinity Church, Trenton, N. J., an organization was effected, and measures taken to secure an act of incorporation from the Legislature of New Jersey, which has been accomplished.

A board of officers was elected at that meeting, with the undersigned as President.

He immediately felt, in assuming the duties of the office, that a great work had been undertaken, and said that inasmuch as all the members of the Association had their callings, which absorbed their time, it was a necessity, in view of the magnitude of the enterprise, that the superintendence of the work upon the grounds should be the undivided business of some one person. So all felt. It was then proposed that if the services of Rev. W. B. Osborn could be secured from the New Jersey Conference, for this purpose, the Association would assume the responsibility of his support. But as the appointment of a Minister to the superintendence of a Camp-Meeting ground, would be out of the usual course, Bishop Simpson was corresponded with, who agreed to do whatever might be thought best, not inconsistent with ecclesiastical law and order.

Upon further reflection, however, between the December meeting and the session of the Annual Conference, it was deemed more desirable, both for the financial relief of the Association, and the accommodation of Brother Osborn and his family, to seek his appointment to Ocean Grove, in connection with a small appointment adjacent, in the regular work. This was accordingly done, and the appointment stands on the printed



Minutes of the New Jersey Conference thus: Greenville and Ocean Grove, W. B. Osborn, with the understanding that he is to fill the Greenville pulpit on the Sabbath throughout the year, but his time during the week, especially during the first six months, would be largely devoted to Ocean Grove.

At a meeting of brethren of the Association, held at Long Branch during the session of the New Jersey Conference, it was decided that the members of the Association should meet on the 31st day of May, ensuing, for the purpose of selecting lots for their own use, and that on the first of June, the sale of the choice, to subscribers, of the one hundred lots, at \$50 each, should be held.

After the close of the conference at Long Branch, and the settlement of the Pastor at his new home at Greenville, the work of preparing the grounds, so as to make the most favorable impression on the minds of the Association, many of whom had never yet been present, and also on the minds of visitors, as they should come on the first of June, became active. It was a heavy work, and the time was short. It therefore became a necessity to employ nearly or quite every man and team that sought employment. Some of these were indifferent laborers, but they helped on a little, and it was thought best to have even their little help, rather than fail to have the work done, for a failure to have the work accomplished would have produced an unfavorable impression on the visitors' minds, and so in the end we should have lost in the sale of lots. We therefore went on doing the best we could, often chafed to the last extreme that we could do no better.

The 31st of May came, and with it a number of the brethren of the Association.

The history of our struggles to make such selections of lots for ourselves as would give satisfaction, is fresh in the minds of all, and need not be repeated. On the first of June, when the visitors came, the bidding for the choice of lots was spirited, and I think fully met the highest expectations. The aggregate of premiums amounted to about \$1,500.

From this time a favorable impression of our grounds went out, and although the price of lots immediately advanced from \$50 to \$75, without premium, the sale of lots from that time has been constant and rapid, so that up to date there have been, over and above the 104 lots held by the Association for their own personal use, an actual sale of 373 lots.

After the sale of lots on the first of June, the great anxiety was, so to advance the work of improvement as to make the best possible impression, and to have the fullest accommodations possible for the Camp-Meeting to commence on the 26th of July.

This anxiety was natural, for we knew not only that thousands of dollars were involved, but that the eyes of the Methodist community, far and near, were upon us, and that in some quarters considerable prejudice to our enterprise was cherished. But the work of opening avenues, grading, building, etc., went on.

The following enumeration will give some idea of the magnitude of the work accomplished, and yet no enumeration will enable those who did not observe the work in its various stages of progress, fully to comprehend its tediousness and extent:

From Main Avenue to the lake, and between the turnpike and the sea, North, about forty thousand trees have been trimmed, thousands of dead trees cut down, the whole ground gone over with a brush-hook, cleared and cleaned, while hundreds of loads of brush thus cut have been carted out and burned upon the clearings. Main Avenue, from the turnpike to the surf, which is 60 feet wide, and nearly three-fourths of a mile in length, had to be opened through a thicket where thousands of trees were to be cut down, roots taken out, and banks leveled, involving the removal of thousands of loads of sand, then graded, and the gravel for the turnpike hauled an average of a quarter of a mile, all of which now presents a beautiful highway to the sea. Large numbers of men and teams were engaged on this work for weeks. Ocean Pathway, 200 feet wide at the head, and 300 feet wide at the foot, and 1500 feet long, has graded and graveled sidewalks, and a beautiful graveled highway through the centre, 10 feet wide, reaching directly to the surf.

All the Avenues on the beach, from the grove to the surf, and from Wesley to Fletcher lakes, have graded and graveled foot-paths on either side, thus showing the lines of the avenues, and making delightful promenades in all directions. This arrangement has wonderfully promoted the sale of lots upon the beach.

In the grove, the avenues are 40 feet wide, through the centre of which ways have been cut for foot-paths and the entrance of wagons and baggage. These ways, however, are not as smooth as they should be, and I would suggest that as soon as the funds will allow, the stumps be taken out, and the walks improved. The whole of the avenues, foot-ways, and openings on the ground, amount to little if any short of five miles. In the grove, on the South of the Main Avenue, about five acres of land have been cleared of underbrush, and an avenue opened to the hitching-grounds, where a stable, accommodating eighteen or twenty horses, with other conveniences, has been erected.

In addition to the above work on the grounds proper, the following improvements have been made and property accumulated by the



Association: From 900 to 1,000 feet of picket fence, inclosing a part of the front of the grounds along the turnpike, seven feet high, with two large hand gates, and two large gates for teams, partly painted, are erected; one frame building, 16 by 34, two stories high, used for book store, post office, and business office for Association, painted outside with two coats of paint; the Preachers' Stand, a beautiful structure, 24 by 24 feet, capable of seating 75 or more Ministers, octagon form, painted inside and out with two coats of paint, surmounted with cupola, which is occupied by a bell of fine tone, but too small for the purpose of calling that part of the congregation located at a distance. The lumber for seating the congregation is of the best white pine, planed on both sides and edges, amounting to more than 24,000 feet, sufficient to seat a congregation of 10,000 persons. There are also trusses, strongly made, to support these seats, and if all are properly cared for from year to year, will last almost a generation.

There are flooring boards too, with joists to support them, sufficient for 125 tents, averaging 14 by 14 feet.

In addition to the above, there are 75 bunks for beds, strongly made, which, together with the floor boards, were all rented during the meeting.

We have also 10 boats, with chains and locks. These boats are from 8 to 13 feet in length, which, although not ready for use until the meeting was half over, have nevertheless paid this year a good per centage on the original cost. At least as many more will be needed for next year's service. There are four bowers, capable of seating 1,000 persons, which are favorite resorts of all.

Nine pumps, averaging in depth about 22 feet, supply the grounds with an abundance of pure cold water, the excellent character of which is a subject of universal remark. There are 16 settees 6 feet long, 9 chairs, 1 table for pulpit, 1 walnut table with drawers for office, 1 pine table for office up stairs, 91 lamps of various sizes for lighting the grounds, stand, and stores. Two ranges of bathing houses, 40 feet long, divided into 20 private rooms, the use of which was granted to visitors gratuitously during the meeting. A larger number should be erected next year, some of which should be free and some rented, as may be desired. A platform for passengers to land on, 50 feet long, 6 feet wide, 2½ high is also built. A rustic fence has been constructed from the gate to Sea Drift Heights, fully one-fourth of a mile in length.

One ice house, with a capacity for 150 loads of ice, which was filled last Winter, and the contents sold this Summer for \$150.

One horse, wagon and harness, for the use of the Superintendent; 6 shovels, 4 buckets, 2 grubbing hoes, 1 wheelbarrow, 1 grindstone, with

fixtures, 1 water-cask, with fixtures for sprinkling avenues, 1 corporation seal, 500 lithograph maps of grounds, 4 brooms, 9 police hats, 18 police whistles, 12 police stars, 1 set of account books, between 300 and 400 signs of avenues, pathways, gates, hitching grounds, warnings against trespassing, etc., with cedar posts to which they are nailed, 1 water-tank 12 feet long, 2 feet wide, 3 feet high, with cover.

The Treasurer's report will show that in performing this amount of work, and in accumulating the property indicated, a large amount of money has been expended, larger than might be expected perhaps, from the following considerations, viz: not only has the work been heavy, and the purchases extended, but much of the work was pioneer work; we had to walk in an untrodden path. Added to this, our lumber had to be carted with teams an average of 10 miles, at a busy season of the year, and in a neighborhood where all labor is high, because of our proximity to Long Branch and the fishing grounds.

In addition to the above expenses, \$500 of the capital stock of the "Deal and Squan River Bridge Turnpike Company" has been taken, to aid in making the road, so as to facilitate travel to our grounds. There has also been a heavy amount of printing, in the form of circulars, advertising, etc., together with a large number of incidental expenses.

The first Camp-Meeting held on these grounds, commenced on Tuesday, July 26th, and closed on Friday night, August 5th, 1870. It was well attended, the weather was delightful, the order perfect, and the influence, from its inception to the close, heavenly and Divine. Sinners were converted, believers were sanctified, and all hearts were drawn nearer to God.

The grounds were universally approved, and the numerous newspaper notices have been not only gratifying but generally highly flattering. But while we record these facts with devout gratitude to Almighty God, we feel solemnly impressed that great care must be exercised that devotion does not become formal, and spiritual interests degenerate to mere physical gratification. If our eyes keep single, Ocean Grove will be to thousands the very land of Beulah.

To accommodate this meeting, tents of the Round Lake Camp-Meeting Association, numbering between 140 and 150, were hired, at an expense of \$500, with the additional cost of transportation from Round Lake and back, together with the wages, traveling expenses and board of an overseer sent with them. This arrangement, which seems costly, was not made until after considerable inquiry among tent-owners, and these were found to be the most advantageous terms that we could make. The Treasurer's report will probably show that with the heavy cost of trans-

porting, and the expenses of the overseer, the rental of these tents did not any more than pay their cost, and if they did that they did well. If the Association is able, it should by all means purchase tents for its own use, before another meeting.

The privilege of supplying the meeting with provisions, board, etc., was sold to different individuals for \$520. Some improvements in supplying provisions will be needed, and can be made another year.

Ice and wood were sold amounting to \$160. For particulars, see Treasurer's report.

A few suggestions must now close this already lengthy report.

*First.* I suggest that as circumstances are now so changed, and we have reached a point where we can proceed with greater deliberation, that all future improvements, as far as practicable, be done by contract.

*Second.* The importance of providing sleeping accommodations for visitors, Ministers and others.

*Third.* The absolute need of a building for laundry purposes.

*Fourth.* To authorize a change in the avenues terminating at the lake, so as to run them down the ravines, their natural outlets.

*Fifth.* The opening of Evergreen Park into avenues and lots, running the avenues as the face of the ground would indicate, and not at right angles.

*Sixth.* An advance in the price of lots.

*Seventh.* The propriety of paying the traveling expenses of the members of the Association, at all meetings for transacting business.

*Eighth.* I respectfully suggest further, that inasmuch as the labors of our Superintendent, Rev. W. B. Osborn, for a number of months have been perplexingly arduous, and sufficient to completely exhaust one of less physical endurance, and inasmuch as his salary is not an equivalent for such services, would it be any more than an act of simple justice for the Ocean Grove Association to cause to be erected on such lot or lots as he may select, a suitable cottage for his residence, to be donated to him, as a testimonial of our appreciation of the manner in which he has performed the work assigned him? \*

*Ninth.* I suggest, also, that the gratitude of this Association is due to D. H. Brown, Esq., Treasurer, for the cheerful manner in which he has at all times, when called on, advanced money for the forwarding of our important works.

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\* This suggestion, while it met the approval of the Association, was not adopted for want of funds.

For all items of information not contained in this report, I respectfully refer to the several officers of the Association.

With the expression of the belief that the future of Ocean Grove is most encouraging, I submit this as the first annual report of the President of the same.

RED BANK, Sept. 12th, 1870.

E. H. STOKES, *President.*







Lake View Cottage.

Residence of J. H. THORNLEY, ESQ., Lake Ave. near Wesley Place.

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Far from the noisy din of human strife,  
Where hurried feet dash through the mart of trade;  
The merchant flees to breathe a purer life,  
Where Ocean's song blends with the forest shade.

E. H. S.



SECOND ANNUAL REPORT  
OF THE  
President of Ocean Grove Camp-Meeting Association.

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SEPT. 12TH, 1871.

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To the Members of the Association:

DEAR BRETHREN:

The Second year of our history is past. It has been a year of anxiety, care and success. The thoughtful will understand these terms. No enterprise can be conducted without care, and this is especially true where the magnitude of a work, such as this has assumed, is thrust upon its projectors with a suddenness which they did not fully anticipate.

In the incipency of our project, our plans were not extensive. But such has been the favor with which our efforts have been received, that the demands upon us have sometimes been beyond our immediate preparation to supply. This want of preparation has not been the result of inherent weakness, but grew out of not having full and timely information of the extent of the demands that would be made.

It must be borne in mind, too, that it is only about eighteen months since work upon these grounds was commenced. Every thing was then in the roughest possible condition. In this period an amount of labor has been performed, which those who saw our grounds in their original state alone can appreciate. The extent of accommodations for the comfort of visitors, must be the outgrowth of experience. We learn to-day the wants of to-morrow, and, as we learn, can supply. Our accommodations this year were in advance of the past, and I feel justified in saying that the conveniences of the coming year will be vastly superior to those of the present.

Some sixty cottages have been erected this year—all neat, and many costly and beautiful. A large number of others are in contemplation.—With the erection of these structures there is for a period of three or four

months a somewhat settled population. This new state of things brings new phases of experience and wants. We can only adjust ourselves to these new conditions by patience and care.

Last Spring, Rev. W. B. Osborne, who had from the beginning, with singular fidelity, superintended the work upon these grounds, felt it his duty to resign. This involved the appointment of a successor. The Rev. H. B. Beegle, a member of the New-Jersey Conference, was selected. It is but justice to him to say, that in entering upon his duties he was embarrassed by want of experience in this particular work; and oftentimes that embarrassment was increased by the fact that Rev. Bro. Osborn, who in many things was the only source of information, was on the Pacific coast. Added to this, not being a member of the Association, he often hesitated to assume responsibility in the absence of positive authority, lest he should assume too much. These embarrassments, should he be continued, will not be experienced another year.

The question of titles, to which I referred in my last report, has continued to be, through all this year, one of increased anxiety and expense. I am most happy to state, however, that various interests which, a year ago, were not only not settled, but perplexing, have, during the present year, though at greatly advanced prices, been finally adjusted. We now believe that the end of these vexed and vexing questions is at hand.

Among the deeply-felt embarrassments of our situation, another has been the need of railroad communications with our grounds. While the ride from Long Branch to Ocean Grove is only six miles, over a fine road, directly along the sea-shore, and through pleasant surroundings, yet the difficulties of conveying several thousand passengers, with their baggage, in so short a time, by means of stages, can not, under the best arrangements, be otherwise than great. This, we and our friends have felt; so that, amongst the many questions asked concerning our enterprise, the one oftenest repeated is, "Will you have a railroad?" To answer this question, a meeting was held during our late Camp-Meeting. The railroad authorities who were present pledged themselves to open a road and have it in running order by the middle of May, 1872, providing sufficient financial encouragement could be had. Under these circumstances the Association felt that as the proceeds of the sale of lots were pledged to the improvement of these grounds, and there could scarcely be a greater or more needed improvement than a railroad, they could not do better than subscribe \$10,000\* to the stock of said road. Additional subscriptions, to the amount of \$15,000, were made by lot-holders and friends,

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\*\$5,500 of this sum has actually been paid; the balance has not, because of embarrassments in the management of the road.



so that it is hoped and believed, with the aid which may yet be secured, this much-needed improvement will be made.

As an Association, we should greatly prefer devoting the proceeds of our sales to the direct improvement of our grounds ; but as we were compelled, nearly two years ago, to subscribe \$500 to the Turnpike Company, in order to secure a passable carriage-way to our grounds, so we have felt, if the question was understood by our friends, that they would approve of this last subscription of \$10,000 to the railroad, as their pleasant travel over a smooth turnpike must cause them to approve of our former one of \$500, especially when it is remembered that neither turnpike or railroad could be built without our help.

Passing from these embarrassments, it will be matter of gratitude to the Association to learn that the property of Charles Rogers, consisting of about 8 acres, lying just inside the gates on Main Avenue, on which the "Grove Cottage" stands, has been purchased, subject to approval, and will hereafter belong to the Association. This purchase, though at a price which a few months ago would have been regarded fabulous, has been long felt as a necessity, in order to secure ourselves from annoyances which might arise in the event of its passing into other hands.

The Executive Committee felt impelled by a sense of duty to the Association, and also to lot-holders already located, to advance the price of lots from \$100 to \$150, and then to \$250. This advance grew out of the heavy demand for lots, the increased value of the property by each lot sold, and especially in view of large demands for unsettled land claims, and the extent of public improvements yet to be made.

An additional survey of lots South of Main Avenue, has just been made, amounting to about one thousand in number, many of which are as desirable as any yet sold.

In this survey Main Avenue has also been widened to seventy feet, making it a splendid highway to the sea.

It may be well to state in this connection, that up to this date the *expenditures of the Association for land, improvements, and general expenses, have steadily and continually been in advance of its receipts.* None of the officers or members of the Association are paid for services, excepting the Superintendent.

Our Camp-Meeting, which commenced August 8th, and concluded August 18th, was largely attended by Ministers, people, and the Divine blessing. Many souls were converted, and believers sanctified. The best order prevailed throughout. To God be all the glory.

The following are some of the financial results of the Camp-Meeting :

Paid for rent of tents, freight, etc., exclusive of labor in erecting and taking down, about . . . . .	\$1,300 00
Received for rent of tents, floors, bunks, and straw, about . . . . .	2,650 00
Privileges were rented for store, boarding-tents, stables, etc., amounting to . . . . .	795 00
The bookstore netted . . . . .	26 05
Twenty boats cost . . . . .	400 00
The bath houses belonging to the Association cost . . . . .	400 00
We paid to bathing masters . . . . .	75 00
The receipts for rental of bath-houses amounted to . . . . .	63 00

Through some misapprehension, not more than half the bath-houses were rented, and many of these so late in the season that full prices could not be charged.

The telegraph was in operation 22 days, from August 9th to September 1st. The receipts were less than the cost.

The post office received mails from the 18th of June, but for want of a key to the mail-bags, no mails were made up until June 30th. From that time until September 1st, there were mailed 3,967 letters, and stamps canceled to the amount of \$117.19. During the same time about 5,000 letters were received.

The following is an inventory of property, with its approximate value, belonging to the Association, apart from lands and avenue improvements :

Office of the Association, . . . . .	\$1,000 00
Store, . . . . .	1,200 00
Preachers' Stand, . . . . .	800 00
Settees, . . . . .	75 00
Bible and Hymn Book, . . . . .	14 00
House and lot, . . . . .	1,200 00
Lodging house . . . . .	500 00
Stable, . . . . .	100 00
Outbuildings, . . . . .	200 00
Flag-staff and Flag, . . . . .	250 00
Lumber, . . . . .	1,700 00
Bunks, . . . . .	450 00
Fifty Tents, new, . . . . .	1,660 00
Tables, . . . . .	75 00
Lamps, . . . . .	600 00
Chairs, . . . . .	100 00
Office Clock, . . . . .	8 00
Trusses, . . . . .	200 00
Tent-poles, . . . . .	12 00
Storehouse, . . . . .	150 00
Bath-houses, . . . . .	400 00
20 Boats, . . . . .	400 00

15 Pumps, . . . . .	500 00
Platform at landing. . . . .	50 00
Fences, . . . . .	700 00
Ice-house, . . . . .	100 00
Signs and posts, . . . . .	150 00
Benches, tables, stoves, etc., . . . . .	175 00
Horse and carriage, . . . . .	225 00
Telegraph poles, . . . . .	70 00
Turnpike Stock, . . . . .	500 00
Miscellaneous, . . . . .	100 00
Safe, . . . . .	150 00
Total . . . . .	<u>\$13,724 00</u>

Having made these general statements, I desire to make a few suggestions, the importance of which I regard as absolute, and I earnestly hope means will be adopted for their earliest accomplishment.

1st. A dam across the foot of Wesley Lake.

2d. The grading and general ornamentation of Ocean Pathway.

3d. The opening and grading of Ocean Avenue.

4th. Sidewalks opened, graded and graveled along the line of lots on all the avenues in the grove.

5th. The present bell in the Preachers' Stand to be displaced by one sufficiently large to be heard on all parts of our grounds.

6th. Greatly increased facilities for lighting the grounds.

7th. Increased facilities for lodging.

8th. Increased accommodations at the store, either by enlarging the present building or erecting another, as much delay was experienced on the part of customers, for want of room.

9th. An earnest recommendation to, if not a requirement of cottage owners, to adopt the earth closet, as a means of protection to themselves and others.

10th. To require the Superintendent rigidly to enforce the rule that parties holding cottages shall not, without the written consent of the Association, permit such cottages to be occupied in any way excepting during the season from May 15th to the 30th of October. The reasonableness of this will be apparent to all. These cottages are light and combustible. To occupy them at other periods than those designated, will require more heat than safety will allow. I most earnestly hope the order of the Association on this subject to the Superintendent will be absolute.

11th. I would also recommend that immediate measures be taken to collect all money due the Association, from the sale of lots and other sources, that the needed improvements may go forward.

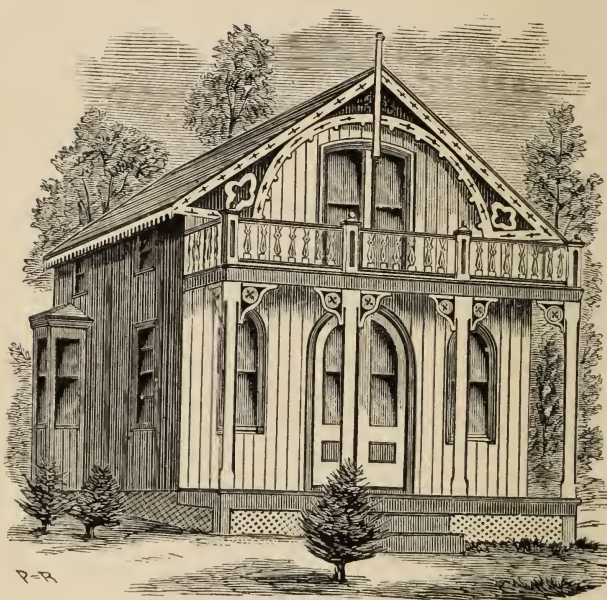
In conclusion, allow me to say, that notwithstanding all the labor, perplexity and care which is entailed upon the Association in carrying on its work, the Divine blessing is evidently upon us, and so long as we rigidly adhere to the principles of our organization, and our eyes keep single to the Divine glory, the future of Ocean Grove cannot be otherwise than good.

Thankful for the past and trustful for the future, I am, dear brethren, yours in Christ.

E. H. STOKES, *President.*







### Cookman Cottage.

Residence of the late REV. ALFRED COOKMAN, Lake Avenue,  
near Wesley Place.

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He sought for rest, and found it by the sea,  
Where proud ships sail, and winds so grandly sweep ;  
Where glassy lakes lie slumbering on the lee.  
And dim old forests cast their shadows deep ;  
Here oft he sat, and with his friends conversed,  
And prayed, and sung of Jesus' precious blood—  
Full many a time the story he rehearsed,  
Then, "sweeping through the gates," passed up to God.

E. H. S.



# THIRD ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

## President of Ocean Grove Camp-Meeting Association.

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OCTOBER 10TH, 1872.

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DEAR BRETHREN :

With devout thanksgiving to Almighty God for his unspeakable goodness to us as an Association, I present you this as my third annual report. But, with the jubilant notes of joy and victory upon our lips, there are mingled wailings of a deep and profound sorrow.

Since our last annual meeting, death has made his first but terrible desolations among us. Three noble men, members of our Association, in the high-noon of their strength and usefulness; have been swept away. Alfred Cookman, Rulif V. Lawrence, and George Franklin. Men of different types of mind and positions, yet all highly important to us, and by us greatly missed and mourned.

Alfred Cookman, while he assumed but few of the responsibilities, and seldom if ever engaged in the business activities of the Association, was, nevertheless, deeply interested in it, and by his many Christian virtues and widespread and commanding influence, was a tower of strength among us, which it will be difficult if not impossible to replace.

Rulif Lawrence, the first and thus far the only Vice-President we have had, was all activity. He was quick to perceive, and as prompt to execute, all that tended to promote the interests of Ocean Grove. Brain, and voice, and pen, and nerve, and muscle, were all laid a willing sacrifice upon her altar, and he loved it to the end.

George Franklin was a layman, and consequently less known, and the field of his influence more limited. Nevertheless, in his sphere he was none the less interested, or prompt in doing all that was assigned him. When Ocean Grove was a problem, George Franklin gave time and deep

attention to its interests, and when Brother Osborn knew not where to turn for help, or how in the beginning to get from Farmingdale to Ocean Grove, Franklin said, "Here are my horses and carriage, and I will go with you." And these things were repeated over and over again.

Three noble men! Ocean Grove owes a debt of gratitude to them all, and as the righteous shall be in everlasting remembrance, while Ocean sings her endless song, or the ages of eternity roll, they shall not be forgotten. May we who survive be admonished so to improve our time as when the Master calls we, too, may be ready.

The question as to whether the places of these honored brethren shall be filled at this meeting, and if so, by whom, is one that should occupy your gravest consideration.

With these remarks, let us proceed to a review of the operations of the Association for the past year.

At the last annual meeting, it will be borne in mind that nearly every question raised as to plans and execution, was referred to the Executive Committee.

Thus empowered, that Committee felt it had a great work to do, and set about its accomplishment to the best of its ability. It may be that in carrying out the directions given them, they have in some instances gone farther than the Association intended. If so, the error has been one of judgment, not of heart.

In performing the work of the Association, the Committee have had numerous meetings, some in Brooklyn, some in Trenton, others in Camden, Philadelphia, and a number at the Grove.

The Secretary elected by the last Annual Meeting, Rev. W. H. Boole, of New York City, failing to attend the meetings, his place was, at the third session of the Committee, according to a provision of the By-Laws, declared vacant, and Rev. George Hughes was appointed in his stead.

Rev. W. B. Osborn having removed to Florida, Rev. J. S. Inskip, living upon these grounds, was elected by the Committee to fill his place; and lastly, Rev. R. V. Lawrence dying in mid-Summer, and Rev. W. B. Osborn returning to spend the season North, was selected to fill the place vacated by the death of Brother Lawrence. These are the changes the Committee has experienced during the year.

The labors of the Committee have been heavy, but, heavy as these labors have been, the intensity of their anxieties have been, if possible, a hundred fold greater.

The validity of our claim to the Brinley tract has been our greatest trouble, causing to all concerned a sea of anxiety, care and labor, and has proven, perhaps, a source of more unpleasantness than anything else which has existed since the commencement of our work. But when the history of this whole matter shall be read in the light of facts as they existed, it will be found that the best thing that could be, has been done. I greatly hope our worthy Treasurer, D. H. Brown, Esq., to whom, with others, this question has been one of sleepless solicitude, will be able to report at this meeting, even at so exorbitant a price as has been demanded, the consummation of this case, and that being done, we owe a debt of gratitude to him which words cannot express.

What is the total number of acres included in the grounds belonging to the Ocean Grove Association? is a question frequently asked, and has been as frequently mis-stated. I have now to inform you officially that the exact measurement is 230 89-100 acres.

The amount paid for this land by the Association, has also, for some cause or causes, been most strangely misrepresented. I am now able to settle this question in the following definite statement :

The total cost of lands is \$39,368.35, being an average of \$170.51 per acre, to which, if we add the expenses incurred in perfecting titles, will bring the average cost to little if any short of \$200 per acre.

The payment of this large sum has been a heavy drain upon the Association from the beginning, and is, in connection with other extended outlays, a sufficient explanation to the thoughtful, as to why the public improvements are not even greater than they are.

We have introduced the gas-light, for our congregation grounds, at a cost of \$1,000.

Another work of necessity was the enlargement of the storehouse, which has been occupied for two years past by Jemmison Brothers, at a cost of about \$1,300. It may be matter worthy of consideration in this connection, whether there is yet sufficient accommodations in the store line, for our growing population. If it should be thought advisable to multiply or increase these accommodations, there are those whom we might approve, who are ready and anxious to engage in the business.

The staging operations have greatly perplexed us. There was a demand for a stage-line to run to and from Long Branch during the entire year. But for six months of the year the business would not pay, and in the absence of a regular line of stages, persons visiting the grounds during these months, had to pay for hacks at the Branch from \$2 to \$5 per trip,

allowing them to stay at the Grove sometimes but a single hour, or even less.

This would not do. The way of relief was an important question. Finally, a contract was made with J. P. L. Tilton & Stiles, to run a line of stages between Long Branch and Ocean Grove, from the first of February, 1872, to the first of February, 1873, we assuring them, as far as possible, of the entire Summer travel, in order to remunerate them for losses during the Winter months, when the business would not pay. The fare during the non-paying months to be 75 cents a passage, and during the season proper, 60 cents. The contractors paying to the Association 10 cents per passenger during the Summer months.\* For further particulars, see written contract. This, in view of the responsible character of the gentlemen with whom the contract was made, was regarded as a most gratifying arrangement. We had no trouble with outside parties, so long as the business did not pay. But when the travel increased, our trouble increased, until the outside opposition, encouraged, in too many instances, I am sorry to say, by inside parties, became an unmitigated nuisance. But, as the motives of the Committee became better understood, and as it evinced its determination to protect the regular line in its business, the inside sympathy for the opposition measurably abated, and the whole thing died, finally, a somewhat stubborn natural death.

Another act to which the Committee was impelled by the force of circumstances, was the investment of a large amount of money in tent property. At the two previous Camp-Meetings we hired the tents of the Round Lake Association. This was found to be inconvenient, expensive and unsatisfactory. We therefore purchased, in July, 1871, fifty new tents, and during the Summer just past, one hundred more, of various sizes, mostly large, the smaller ones being little in demand. We also purchased of Rev. A. E. Ballard, forty-three second-hand tents, for six hundred dollars. The large tabernacle which was erected on Ocean Pathway, just outside of Sea Drift Heights, we purchased at second-hand, for four hundred and fifty dollars. The tent known as Dr. Ward's, cost \$175.00, which he presents to us, to be held exclusively for religious purposes, for which he deserves, and I think ought to receive, the thanks of the Association. Including these last named, we have now 201 tents, which cost in the aggregate, without the flies for the second-hand tents, \$7,795.00. And yet we had not sufficient to meet the demand. At least fifty additional, and if the funds will allow, one hundred more tents should be purchased for the meeting next year. I ask the Association to give

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\* This 10 per cent. arrangement continued but this single year.

its opinion on this subject, and especially the importance of having at least two more large tents, similar in size to Dr. Ward's, for prayer-meeting purposes.

The brethren of the Association have noticed the publication of two numbers of a paper called "*The Ocean Grove*." The origin of this paper was the felt need of more extended information of our grounds than could be given in an advertisement. Each number contained ten thousand in the edition. These have been very widely circulated, and, as we believe, have done more in calling attention to and awakening an interest in our grounds, than any other form of advertising to which we have resorted.

I now call attention to the following facts and figures:

*Item 1. POST OFFICE.*—From July 1st, 1871, to September 30th, 1872, there have been sent from this office 21,840 letters, and stamps have been canceled to the value of \$927.18. Of letters received there have been no record kept, but it may be safely estimated at not less than 30,000.

2. TELEGRAPHING, 1872.—Gross receipts, . . . . .	\$292.77
Paid W. U. T. Co., . . . . .	\$200.33
" Kennedy, . . . . .	117.00
" Other expenses, (operator,) . . . . .	4.00
	<u>321.33</u>
Deficiency, . . . . .	28.50

3. Amount received for privileges during the year 1872, . . . . .	\$1,640.00
Amount of rental for tents, floors, bunks and straw, . . . . .	3,962.49
Amount received from assessments, 1872, . . . . .	1,532.68
Cost of superintendence from 1871 to 1872, \$1,005.00	
Help in office during Summer of 1872, . . . . .	130.00

4. Whole amount paid for labor since September 12, 1871, embracing carting, clearing, grading, putting up and taking down tents, sexton, attending gate, gathering and carting away garbage, serving ice, surveying, taking care of team, serving as police, clearing out the lake, putting up and taking down bath-houses, clearing up tenting-ground, piling lumber, bunks and tables, moving, putting cellar under and papering and fixing Grove Cottage, grubbing out stumps and fixing about it, plowing, leveling, and fixing Ocean Pathway, storing ice, etc., etc., . . . \$7,915.91

5. Monies have also been expended during the past year for land, interest, lumber, brick, carpenter-work, painting, masonry, hay, feed, straw, fixing carriage, horse-shoeing, toll, photographic views, services of architect, counsel fees, oars, roofing, enlarging store, plank for crossings, pumps, expenses of members of Executive Committee, lamps, oil, gas arrangements, etc., for particulars of which see Treasurer's report.



Inventory of property belonging to the Association, apart from land :

Grove Cottage, . . . . .	\$3,000.00	Boats, . . . . .	\$600.00
Store, . . . . .	3,000.00	Oars, . . . . .	75.00
Office of Association, . . . . .	1,000.00	Row-locks, . . . . .	10.00
Stand, . . . . .	800.00	Tent-poles and posts, . . . . .	100.00
House and lot, . . . . .	1,500.00	Platform-landing, . . . . .	30.00
Barn, . . . . .	300.00	Fences, . . . . .	700.00
Stable, . . . . .	100.00	Ice-house, . . . . .	700.00
Lodging-house, . . . . .	900.00	Bible and hymn book, . . . . .	14.00
Flag-staff and flag, . . . . .	250.00	Signs, . . . . .	200.00
Lumber, . . . . .	4,041.35	Benches, Stoves & tables, . . . . .	100.00
Bunks, . . . . .	175.00	Horses, . . . . .	500.00
Trusses, . . . . .	200.00	Wagon, cart, hack, harness, carriage, etc., . . . . .	500.00
Tables, . . . . .	75.00	Telegraph poles, . . . . .	70.00
Lamps, . . . . .	467.00	Turnpike stock, . . . . .	500.00
Chairs, . . . . .	30.00	Corner posts, . . . . .	100.00
Settees, . . . . .	75.00	Safe and office furniture, . . . . .	150.00
Clock, . . . . .	8.00	Copying-press, . . . . .	14.00
Tents, . . . . .	7,745.00	Seal, . . . . .	7.00
Outbuildings, . . . . .	100.00	Miscellaneous, . . . . .	200.00
Summer-houses, . . . . .	150.00	Gas, . . . . .	1,000.00
Tent-house, . . . . .	200.00	38 flies for tents, . . . . .	360.00
Tool-house, . . . . .	50.00		
Gas-house, . . . . .	50.00		
Bath-houses, . . . . .	300.00	Total, . . . . .	\$30,722.35
Pumps, . . . . .	476.00		

The Camp-Meeting which was held this Summer, commencing on the 20th of August and closing on the 30th of the same month, was more largely attended, and possessed greater spiritual interest and power than any previously held. Its results in converting and sanctifying influences were widespread, and beyond all calculation in this world. The preaching was of the highest order, and the people, from beginning to end, worked like men and women of God. The meetings in Dr. Ward's tent, and largely under his direction, commenced on the 14th of July, and continued without interruption daily until nearly the first of October, a period of about eleven weeks, and were seasons of great religious profit.

The notices of our enterprise in the public papers, from correspondents and editors, have been very numerous, and generally of an encouraging and flattering character.

Having made these statements, I wish now to call the attention of the Association to several matters which I conceive to be of importance in our future movements, and, beginning at the Stand, I think

1. The Association should direct what plan shall be adopted to afford better shade to the congregation. Shall we bower, or put up a frame



covering that will alike protect from sun, and rain—or what? Something, I think is a necessity.

2. AVENUES.—Sanitary considerations of the most absolute character demand that the avenues North of Main avenue, in the grove, which are 40 feet wide, be so opened as to admit air and sun-light. We suggest that foot-walks, six feet wide, be cut along the line of lots on either side, then four feet left on either side for a line of trees, between foot-walk and road, then the road opened 20 feet wide. This should be done before another Summer, or serious results may follow.

3. There is much complaint that teams and carriages coming on our grounds, drive over and cut our sidewalks to a fearful extent. I would recommend that an ordinance be passed, making such acts finable offences, and that where our police fail to discover the transgressors, other persons informing shall be entitled to one-half the fine. Also, that tearing down sign-boards, or otherwise mutilating or injuring property, come under the same regulation.

4. The business of the Association has so increased that I am satisfied that during the months of July, August, and September, the office work and that of the general superintendency of these grounds cannot be done by one and the same person. There must be a division of labor. What, will be for you to dictate. Furthermore, the post-office and telegraph office must be in rooms or buildings separate from that of the general business of the Association. The crowd and confusion are too great for an intelligent and satisfactory transaction of business while all remain together. A change in this department, corresponding with our changed condition, is a necessity.

5. Would it not be well to print and circulate among our property holders, a brief, clear, and comprehensive statement of our condition, prospects, policy of administration, etc., etc? There has been, as I believe, a good deal of complaining on the part of our people, which, if facts were known as we know them, would not be made.

I have thus made a number of suggestions, (several of these are omitted in this printed report.) To carry them out to their full extent will involve, I am aware, a heavy outlay. If, however, all cannot be done, will it not be important to strike most of the points? Make an appropriation of money to each, and go as far as we can. It will thus be more fully seen what we intend to do, and perhaps will go that far to meet reasonable expectations.

I now commit you and the interests we represent to God, who thus far has so kindly led us on, praying that the unity of the Spirit, in the bonds of peace, may prevail in all our councils, and that God may be glorified in all we do. As ever, yours,

E. H. STOKES, *President.*

CAMDEN, October 8th, 1872.







Residence of Rev. G. HUGHES,  
Cor. Central & Sea View Aves.

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Here rests the herald of the blessed cross,  
Here by the cheerful sea new vigor gains ;  
Cleansed by the blood from sin's consuming dross,  
The cleanser's pow'r, with pow'r he still proclaims.

E. H. S.

# FOURTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

## President of Ocean Grove Camp-Meeting Association.

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OCTOBER 28TH, 1873.

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To the Members of the Association :

DEAR BRETHREN :

It is with emotions of profound gratitude to Almighty God, that I am permitted to come before you again, under such favorable circumstances, to present to you this my fourth annual report.

The year just closed has been to the Association one of unexampled prosperity. A vast amount of labor has been performed by the Executive Committee in devising plans, by the Superintendent in the immediate supervision of the work, and by the men in the open field of operations, and yet, the whole, though vastly increased over other years, has been performed with less friction and difficulty, from the fact that each and all have better understood their duties, and the machinery, though accomplishing more has had far less wear and tear. There is still room for improvement, however, and we trust increased familiarity will include increased acceptability.

It will be remembered that the last Annual Meeting imposed a large amount of work upon the Executive Committee, and in some instances gave specific directions as to how that work should be performed. In reducing these directions to practical application, it was sometimes found there was a better way, and in such cases the committee had to assume responsibility, and while it kept in view the great end of the Association, had to change the mode of reaching that end, believing the Association would approve, if it were present, and saw things as we saw them.

As will be seen, the avenues north of Main Avenue, have been cut out and generally improved. This meets with almost if not quite universal approbation. The sidewalks need grading and graveling, after which we shall be in pretty good condition in that section. Greenleaf Park, on New York Avenue, between Carmel and Tabor ways, has been improved and is greatly admired.

With the exception of Main Avenue, Asbury Avenue has become one

of our greatest thoroughfares. This needs and must have grading and graveling.

The banks of Wesley lake, from the turnpike to Pilgrim Pathway, have been mostly graded and sodded. Some of this, where it seemed to be a direct private as well as general public improvement, has been done by the property owners; other portions by the Association. The whole, when completed, will make that sheet of water one of the greatest points of attraction, as it is now one of the chief places of pleasure, connected with our grounds. Sea Drift Heights have been cut through at several points. Ocean Pathway has been beautified. The post-office has been removed, the buildings enlarged, and the whole surroundings improved. The stabling grounds have been located, and private as well as Association stables erected thereon. Pilgrim Pathway has been opened nearly the whole length of our grounds South, and Carvosso lake nearly filled up.

Evergreen Park has been laid out according to directions of the last annual meeting, and a number of lots sold at public sale.

Ocean avenue and the Ocean front, between the Eastern boundary of the avenue and surf, from Embury avenue to Olin street, have been handsomely graded and clayed.

The turnpike along the entire Western boundary of our lands has been widened by cutting out trees, and a cheap fence placed along the same. A house for the residence of the Superintendent's family became a necessity, and the committee judged the time had come in our history when what we did should be done with a view to permanency, and so erected a substantial house on Main avenue, such as we think gives character to the locality and enhances the value of property there.

Numerous new boarding houses have been erected during the year by private parties, and still there is a loud and urgent demand for a large, first-class establishment, the erection of which may be worth the careful consideration of this meeting.

Fifty-seven new tents have been purchased this year, all of which, as will be seen, were rented, and more were in demand.

One hundred and fifty park settees have been purchased of the Pitman Grove Camp-Meeting Association, and more will be procured before next Camp-Meeting, as per order of last annual meeting.

The railroad question is still unsettled. The Association has invested \$5,500 in bonds of Farmingdale and New Egypt Rail Road, as per order, which bonds are endorsed by the New Jersey Southern Rail Road Company, yet as Farmingdale and New Egypt failed to meet their obligations, New Jersey Southern claims exemption from theirs.



The Treasurer's report will show the receipts of the Association to be much larger than any previous year of our history, and would have been still larger but for the unexpected money panic which has come so suddenly upon us.

The following facts are worthy of notice :

#### LOTS.

The number of lots sold during the past year is . . . . . 231  
 Whole number of lots sold up to date, . . . . . 975  
 These are owned by 586 different persons.

#### POST OFFICE.

Letters sent this year, . . . . . 30,661  
 " " last " . . . . . 18,174

• Increase this year, . . . . . 12,487

#### TELEGRAPH.

Messages sent from Ocean Grove, . . . . . 1,121

#### STAGES.

Mr. Stiles estimates that 15,632 passengers were transported between Long Branch and the Grove during the season, and if we add those who came by way of Squan, and those from Long Branch of which he had no account, the whole number will fall little if any short of 25,000.

#### WORK DONE.

As a matter of interest to all, I make the following statement, showing the number of men and teams employed by the Association during each month of the year, the number of days' work performed by each, the cost per month, and the aggregate cost for the year for labor alone :

	MEN.	DAYS.	TEAMS.	DAYS.	WAGES.
October, 1872, . .	10	164	...	...	\$318.28
November, . . .	17	217 $\frac{3}{4}$	3	14	408.01
December, . . .	25	240 $\frac{1}{2}$	9	34	574.86
January, 1873, . .	12	138 $\frac{3}{4}$	1	$\frac{3}{4}$	248.25
February, . . .	10	126	2	17 $\frac{1}{2}$	300.74
March, . . . . .	15	205	4	43 $\frac{1}{4}$	538.63
April, . . . . .	28	452 $\frac{1}{2}$	9	67 $\frac{3}{4}$	994.22
May, . . . . .	32	523	14	174 $\frac{1}{2}$	1,526.13
June, . . . . .	29	477	10	180 $\frac{1}{4}$	1,562.51
July, . . . . .	34	732	6	113 $\frac{1}{2}$	1,866.07
August, . . . . .	35	692	6	82 $\frac{1}{4}$	1,826.83
September, . . .	28	463	11	138 $\frac{1}{2}$	1,279.81
		<hr/> 4,432 $\frac{1}{2}$		<hr/> 866 $\frac{1}{4}$	<hr/> \$11,444.34

The above work was mostly done in clearing avenues of trees, grading avenues, making sidewalks, graveling avenues and sidewalks, leveling Ocean Avenue, claying the same, leveling, clearing, ploughing, seeding,

and beautifying Ocean Pathway, clearing up and graveling Lake Avenue, and grading and soding the lake front. A large amount of labor was also expended in putting up and taking down tents, taking care of lumber, filling Carvosso lake, cutting through Sea Drift Heights in Bath and Pitman Avenues and Olin street. These were the principal jobs engaged in. Main Avenue especially was graded and graveled from end to end, at a cost of about \$1,000.

The arrangement for clearing up and carting away the garbage, has about kept two men and one team busy for two months, and cost about \$221.00.

We have put in good condition about six thousand yards of sidewalks, and twice that amount should be fixed the coming year.

#### INVENTORY OF PROPERTY.

I now call your attention to an inventory of property belonging to Ocean Grove Camp-Meeting Association, made at my request by the Superintendent, October 16th, 1873.

BUILDINGS.		TEAMS, &C.	
	VALUED AT		VALUED AT
Preaching Stand, . .	\$1,000.00	Three horses, . . .	\$500.00
Store, . . . . .	4,500.00	One hack, . . . . .	150.00
Grove Cottage, . . .	4,000.00	One carriage, . . .	125.00
Offices, . . . . .	2,000.00	One double harness,	50.00
Barns and wagon sheds,	2,000.00	Three single harness,	95.00
Summer-houses, . . .	600.00	One double farm wagon,	75.00
Ice-house, * . . . .	600.00	One single farm wagon,	75.00
Tent-house, . . . . .	250.00	One cart, . . . . .	30.00
Oil-house, . . . . .	300.00	One sled, . . . . .	25.00
Platform and depot, .	300.00	One hand-cart, . . .	35.00
Cottage for foreman, .	1,500.00	One sprinkler, . . .	100.00
Superintendent's house,	3,200.00	Wood and coal, . . .	291.00
Lodging-house, . . .	700.00	27 boats, . . . . .	600.00
Bath-houses, . . . .	300.00	21 pumps, . . . . .	630.00
Out-buildings, . . .	1,600.00	Flag-staff and flag, .	250.00
217 tents, . . . . .	10,021.00	Bible and Hymn book,	14.00
600 tent-poles, . . .	200.00	Clock, . . . . .	8.00
Lumber, . . . . .	4,162.43	135 lamps, . . . . .	540.00
Gas-tubes and fixtures,	1,700.00	Trusses, . . . . .	100.00
Office furniture, . . .	777.00	500 signs, . . . . .	150.00
Organ, . . . . .	100.00	Fences, . . . . .	700.00
Iron cots (4), . . . .	25.00	Telegraph poles, . .	70.00
Settees, . . . . .	100.00	Turnpike stock, . . .	500.00
Two fire-extinguishers,	100.00	Wood-cuts, electrotypes,	
Leveling instrument and		&c., . . . . .	200.00
appendages, . . . . .	116.00	Miscellaneous, . . .	250.00
Tools, . . . . .	97.00	Railroad bonds, . . .	5,500.00

\* This building has been taken down and a new one erected at a cost of over \$3,000.

## RECAPITULATION.

Buildings, . . . . .	\$22,850.00
Tents, . . . . .	10,021.00
Lumber, . . . . .	4,162.43
Gas apparatus, . . . . .	1,700.00
Office furniture, . . . . .	777.43
Organ, . . . . .	100.00
Cots and settee beds, . . . . .	50.00
Settees,* . . . . .	100.00
Fire extinguisher, . . . . .	100.00
Tent-poles, . . . . .	200.00
Tools, . . . . .	97.00
Teams, etc., . . . . .	1,270.00
Wood and coal, . . . . .	291.00
Items in the above enumeration, . . . . .	4,012.00
Railroad bonds, . . . . .	5,500.00

Total, . . . . . \$51,231.36

To the above is to be added the value of unsold lots, monies due the Association, and unsurveyed lands.

## TREASURER'S ACCOUNTS.

The Treasurer's books contain, of course, the receipts and expenditures of the Association in detail. These cannot be given here, but the following aggregates will be welcome to all.

Whole amount of money received from all sources since the commencement of Ocean Grove enterprise to present time, . . . . .	\$156,727.15
Expended from beginning up to the present time, . . . . .	153,406.10

Cash balance on hand, . . . . .	\$3,321.05
In notes, . . . . .	2,830.00

Total,. . . . . \$6,151.25†

It will also be matter of gratitude to know that during the year just closed, the following sums have been paid on land claims:

Mrs. Brinley, balance in full, . . . . .	\$13,025.00
Charles Rogers, on mortgage, . . . . .	1,700.00
Charlotte Hubbard, on mortgage in full, . . . . .	1,275.00

Total paid on land claims this year, \$16,000.00

\* These are over and above the 150 park settees for seating the ground. They were not on hand at the time this inventory was made.

† Since the above was written, the whole balance has been exhausted in labor and current expenses, and yet the work of improvement goes steadily forward.

Leaving yet to be paid on lands, the mortgage of Charles Rogers only, amounting to about \$9,000.00.

[The announcement of these facts was so gratifying to the Association that business was suspended for a season, each shook hands with the other, in token of gratitude, and the Doxology was sung with thankful hearts and tearful eyes.]

These statements taken as a whole, cannot, I am sure, be otherwise than gratifying to the members of the Association. They present, in as clear light as can be in so condensed a form, the condition of our affairs up to the date given.

The Union Convention, which convened on these grounds, July 10th, 1873, was participated in by ten different denominations, and was a season of great religious interest.

The Camp-Meeting commencing August 8th, was by far the largest, most spirited and successful of any held here. Over 500 tents were occupied, all the boarding-houses and cottages were full to overflowing, so that many persons made but a brief stay, owing to the want of better accommodations.

The Sabbath-School on our grounds, under the efficient superintendency of Rev. J. H. Thornley, of Philadelphia, has been an interesting feature of our work.

The greater part of the Summer passed pleasantly. There is evidently, however, a growing disposition by parties outside of Ocean Grove, and possibly by a few inside, to break down our Sabbath and other restrictions. I hereby announce, however, that personally, so long as I shall have influence or power in this direction, I shall stand by these restrictions, according to our chartered provisions, with an inflexibility of purpose which shall know no swerving. Here, I am persuaded, the Association will also stand.

I now desire to call your attention to several points by way of inquiry, or suggestion, for the coming year.

1st. Broadway should be graded and the sidewalks at least graveled by the first of June, 1874. This I regard as imperative.

2d. What shall be done in reference to shade in front of the Preachers' Stand?

3d. Require each lot-holder to clear up and keep his lot or lots clean, for two reasons, 1. Safety from fire, 2. Beauty. Fences, likewise,

around lots on the beach, would effectually prevent teams from driving across the walks.

4th. The store owned by the Association, and occupied by Mr. Jemison, overruns the sidewalk about six feet, is in the way, mars the symmetry, and is a very great annoyance to persons passing up and down that thoroughfare. I recommend its removal back at least six feet, and an addition of 25 feet to its eastern end.

5th. I would also ask the Association to adopt some policy with regard to avenues on the beach. As is known, they are wide—not too wide, perhaps—but for the Association to put them in order and keep them so, will be expensive. Two theories—1. Allow the lot holders to inclose in front of them on either side so as to leave a walk and wagon-way of 40 feet; or, 2. Grade and inclose the centre, as on Ocean Pathway, leaving a wagon-way on either side. Could not Avenue Associations be formed, for the purpose of beautifying the grounds in their front? Something ought to be done before next Summer, as the appearance and walking are both bad.

6th. The Executive Committee has purchased two fire extinguishers—happily we have had no occasion thus far for their use. Fears are entertained, however, that should a fire of any magnitude occur, they would prove inadequate to the demand. Shall we purchase a regular fire engine and hose? The cost has deterred us thus far.

7th. I recommend the extension of Beach Avenue, from Sea-view to Lake; leveling and clearing up the triangle between Lake, Sea-view and Beach, as it is now in a most wild, rugged, and unsightly condition.

8th. I recommend the removal of the mound at the corner of Central and Atlantic avenues, on which is a Summer-house, erected at the personal expense of Brother G. Hughes. That he be paid the cost of that improvement, and the same removed and placed in centre of Fairy Island, at the head of Wesley lake.

9th. I recommend the beautifying of Thompson park.

I have thus called your attention to the work that has been done, and what needs to be done. Not, indeed, that the recommendations cover all the needs, but all perhaps and more than we may accomplish this year. I hope what has been done will meet your approval, and what may be done will be even more satisfactory than the past.

I cannot close this report without expressing my appreciation of the prompt attention which has been given by the members of the Executive



Committee to the frequent calls which have been made upon their time, and the devotion which they have shown in discharging the laborious and often delicate duties assigned them. It is appropriate, and just too, as I think, that we appreciate the heavy work performed by both superintendent and foreman of our working force. Both, in scores of instances, working to the midnight hour, to meet the demands made upon them, while the laboring men upon our grounds are now so selected that none are retained who do not perform an honest day's work. In the regular working force department, I am sure the Association's money is not wasted.

Again commending you and our work to God, I am as ever,

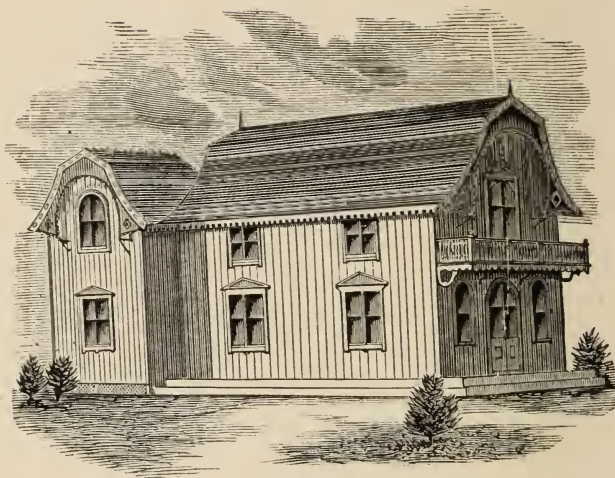
Yours in Jesus,

E. H. STOKES, *President.*









Ward Cottage.

Residence of DR. ISAAC M. WARD, Ocean Ave. between  
Heck and Embury Streets.

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No sect, but *one*, the Christian sect, alone,  
No creed, but *one*, the Saviour crucified;  
His blood atones, and shall for all atone,  
His blessed love is more than oceans wide.

E. H. S.

# THE CHURCH OF GOD, AT OCEAN GROVE.

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BY R. S., JR.

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“ And they sung a new song, saying, Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for Thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by Thy blood out of every kindred and tongue and people and nation: and hast made us unto our God kings and priests ”—Rev. v. 9, 10. These words alone appropriately introduce us into this glorious meeting.

They are those redeemed to God by the blood of Jesus, who are gathered here—kings they are, to whom has been given the dominion over sin—priests who offer an acceptable sacrifice of prayer and praise. All differences laid aside, they have come together to rehearse the song of the Lamb; the song which is to be everlasting in the glorious presence of Him “ whom having not seen they love, in whom believing, they rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory.” They have come from all the churches, and from all parts of the land to promote holiness to the Lord. and to realize by the Spirit their union in God, and their completeness in their living Head

The place is a village of cottages and tents, in a grove by the sea-shore. Thousand of persons of all kinds are there spending the Summer months, and the sound of the workman’s hammer is incessant.

Here the Spirit of God rested during the session of the Convention. Not an oath did we hear, not an angry word. Each song was one of praise to God, and wherever two or three sat together they spoke of Heavenly things or searched the word of God. Not an angry face was seen, but the image of Christ himself was reflected in many of His dear children’s faces.

Each day began with prayer and praise. At half after five, in the fresh, pure morning, the people came together. There was a peculiar sweetness in this early service, a quiet gladness in the “ mercies of God, new every morning; in the beauties of holiness more than [margin] the womb of the morning.” The witnessing was with power, the praise glorified God, the repeating of the Word was like manna, and so the soul was richly fed long before the body was cared for. Throughout the day, almost without intermission, the services continued, sometimes in the tent and again in the open grove.

The dear Lord was glorified as testimony after testimony was given to His mighty power in saving from sin. "Severed from me ye can do nothing." "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me." So the gentle, sensitive girl hastened to confess her dear Lord, and "all \* \* looking steadfastly on her saw her face as it had been the face of an angel." And so, too, all present sat at the feet of the illiterate colored woman, and there learned the lessons which she had been wonderfully taught by God himself. The Spirit of God told the story of utter distrust of self, and of simple trust in Jesus from the lips of the strong man armed with education and experience, and the same spirit armed with unflinching courage the youngest child to go out boldly to meet Satan and all his hosts, strong in the knowledge only "that greater is He that is in him than he that is in the world." The gray-haired warrior and the youngest child had but one story to tell, that of "perfect power supplementing perfect weakness." "He that gathered much had nothing over, and he that gathered little had no lack." What prayers, so simple and yet so powerful, went up to God; what heartfelt praise! The exquisite beauty of the hymn,—

Sweetest note in seraph's song,  
Sweetest name on mortal tongue,  
Sweetest carol ever sung,  
Jesus! Jesus! Jesus!

as sung upon these grounds, can never be forgotten. Nor the marvelous power with which a daughter of God set forth the Christian life as typified in the history of Israel, till when the Captain of the Lord's hosts appeared, (Joshua v. 14.) we, like Joshua, would put off the shoes from our feet, and falling on our knees we sang with awful praise the Doxology to the triune God. We sat indeed in Heavenly places in Christ Jesus, and no thirsty soul but went away refreshed.

Our description falls very far short of the reality of the blessedness of this gathering of the Church. Three practical results, however, which can be appreciated by all, we will mention.

First. The *union* of the Church, according to the words of the Lord Jesus, "that they may be one, even as we are one," was realized, realized as a union already accomplished, not a consummation devoutly to be hoped for in the future—a present fact, with which denominationalism need not at all interfere. The union of all believers in Jesus is of course *actual*, for the Lord himself has declared it; in theory, then, it is accepted, but here it was *practically* demonstrated. Members of nine different communions were together, not drawn by common interest in a Bible or Tract Society, but simply and only as those redeemed by the blood of Jesus. No man loved less the communion to which he belonged, but each accepted his brother as one with himself in Jesus, just

as he was, with no desire that he should give up the peculiarities of his own communion, even when they were such as to exclude him from the pulpit or communion table. All differences were swept away by the realization of the "blood which cleanseth from all sin."

A Methodist Minister expressed the feeling of all, when, at the closing meeting, he said, "My Episcopal Brother, remain just what you are. I accept you with surplice, gown and book. Yes, you are welcome to the Apostolic succession, though it debars me from your pulpits. I say, God bless and prosper you in it all, if only you can say to me, 'The blood of Jesus Christ cleanseth me from all sin.' My dear Baptist Brother, remain just what you are; hold to your own views. I will be content to sit still and see you go to the Lord's table, and praise God for you, if only you can say to me, 'The blood of Jesus Christ cleanseth me from all sin.'"

The union of Christ's Church is in His blood. The union exists to-day; is perfectly consistent with denominational distinctions, and should be realized by every child of God. That man, or that body of men, which remains within the enclosure of denominational lines, and will not come out and join others in union work for Christ, promotes schism. The full power of the Church will never be felt till the world sees that the Church is indeed one, and that oneness will not be seen, till, disregarding their differences, the children of God join together, as they *did* in this Convention, and as they *must* in Heaven, to praise Him who has redeemed them, one and all, by His blood.

The second result of this Convention, was the clear setting forth of that which originated it: *i. e.*, the "Higher Life," "Life of faith," or "Life of Trust," as it is variously designated. The call of the Convention was for "the promotion of *entire consecration* to Christ and *full trust* in Him." These were the words used by the signers of the call, to describe the Higher Life. It is just this, and only this which makes *full life in Christ*. Entire consecration is absolutely essential, not at all as a condition of receiving the blessing, but simply because it is impossible for him who doubts whether he is fully surrendered, to accept the fullness of salvation there is in Christ; or, in other words, to trust Him entirely for pardon, peace, freedom from sin, and power for work.

But for the child of God who knows of nothing kept back, it only remains to exercise his right, and to appropriate Christ for any and every need. If he does not thus accept Christ, he is guilty of the sin of sins, unbelief, and can have neither peace nor power: and what may be the end of the unbeliever? (Rev. xxi: 8.)

Two things this "Higher Life" does not do. It does not exalt the creature, and it does not set forth human perfection. The testimony was uniform as to the deepening of the sense of sin, and the increased loathing and distrust of



self: as was said, "We must go to the very depth of self-abasement, to learn that we are nothing, and so Christ becomes everything to us." In one sense only does the Higher Life teach perfection: *i. e.*, perfection of weakness, (fear and trembling,) taking hold of the perfection of power. (God which worketh in you, both to will and to do His good pleasure.) (Phil. ii: 12, 13.)

The third result of this Convention, was the realization, as never before, of the persons, employments, and delights of heaven.

The *persons* were not here as members of this or that Church; not those who had gone through a certain form, or made a certain confession, but simply as those redeemed to God, by the blood of Jesus, who knew Him personally, and had made an agreement with Him to be His. Their faces reflected the image of their Lord, and their conversation was in heaven. Their *occupation* was telling all day long what God had done for their souls, and they praised continually the God of their salvation, Father, Son, and Spirit. In truth, they realized that their whole salvation was due to the grace of Christ, and therefore they delighted in Him, "whom, having not seen, they love, in whom believing they rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory."

Their whole joy was joy in the Lord, realized as a Saviour from wrath, and from sin. The presence of the dear Lord realized by faith, and the companionship of those who manifested this love, grace, and power, made this Convention a foretaste of heaven—for the presence of Jesus, and the companionship of His dear children must constitute greatly the joy of the redeemed.

Any one might have come to this Convention, but without the personal knowledge of redeeming love, what to him would be the story of the cross? what part would he have in the praise to Him who has redeemed them by His blood? He could not stay in such a place. So, could one obtain an entrance into heaven itself, without the fitness for it, it would be no heaven for him.

What, then, is this fitness? It began with the felt need of a Saviour from sin. It was followed by the acceptance of Jesus. It continues by complete trust in Him. It is all of faith, which worketh by love, purifieth the heart, and overcometh the world. Rev. xxii: 11; Rev. vi: 15-17; I. John iii: 1-3; II. Peter iii: 10-14; Isaiah xxxv.





OSBORN COTTAGE,  
RESIDENCE OF REV. W. B. OSBORN,  
Corner of Pilgrim Pathway and Lake Avenue.

It will be seen in the first annual report of the President, that a recommendation was made to present a cottage to Rev. W. B. Osborn, as a testimonial of esteem, and in further consideration for labors rendered. All felt the propriety of the suggestion, but the funds were too low to allow its practical adoption. As time passed on, and Mr. Osborn had gone to Florida, friends resolved to greet his return by the presentation of a handsome cottage, the cost of which was over three thousand dollars. This noble sum was collected outside of the Association funds, and the whole scheme carried to completion by the perseverance of Rev. Mrs. John S. Inskip, alone. The day of its presentation, July 15th, 1873, was a gala day. Rev. J. S. Inskip made the presentation speech. Mr. Osborn, overcome by this unexpected kindness, made the best reply he could, and Rev. E. H. Stokes delivered the following Poem :

O, Brother in Christ ! from the land of flowers,  
We welcome you back to our Ocean bowers ;  
From the sea-girt land, marked by war's red track,  
We welcome you, Brother, we welcome you back.  
We welcome you back, not with pomp or display,  
We welcome you here in this simpler way ;  
But if the occasion in grandeur shall lack,  
Rest assured, O Brother, *we welcome you back !*  
We welcome you back to the land of the pine,  
Where oaks with the holly all sweetly combine,  
Where Ocean's cool breath so triumphantly sweeps,  
And bright Wesley Lake in tranquility sleeps.  
We welcome you back to the beach and the strand,  
We welcome you back with our heart and our hand ;  
We welcome you back to the scene of your toil,  
Where the jeer and rebuff no longer recoil,  
But where progress goes forth, with wreaths on her brow,  
O, Pioneer Brother, we welcome you now !

When first on this spot, you remember we knelt,  
 Then all through this region old Solitude dwelt,  
 His companions, the serpent, fish-hawk and toad,  
 Our access unto it a serpentine road,—  
 So narrow and sandy as almost to say

“ You are bold, my dear friends, to venture this way.”

You ventured ! We followed, for gain or for loss,  
 And here, on this beach, first erected the cross,—  
 Yes ! erected the cross, for we knew the sod  
 Had value alone in the blessing of God.

So here on this spot, by the lip of the lake,  
 In a covenant strong, which earth shall not break,  
 We bowed us, a dozen, in the dust so low,  
 God heard in His own blessed Heaven, I know.

For in the beginning, blessed God, to Thee,  
 We gave this good land by the wonderful sea—  
 And our God came down in such glorious power,  
 That memory still loves to dwell on that hour ;  
 So henceforth for God and holiness shall be  
 This Christ-given land by the beautiful sea.

But changes ! What changes ? The wilderness now  
 Wears bright floral wreaths on her once rugged brow ;  
 And the cottages sit by Wesley's fair tide,  
 While the mansions stand out by the great Ocean's side.  
 Where the old Barbara Heck once sunk near the shore,  
 The graceful skiff glides with the skilful-plied oar ;  
 While the hammer and saw sound all through the wood,  
 Disturbing the sleep of profound Solitude ;  
 And lo ! everywhere, by the grove and the strand,  
 A city appears, as by magic of hand.

But be not deceived, there was toil ! there was toil !  
 There was planning by day ; and the midnight oil  
 Was often exhausted in working our way  
 Out of darkness up to this glorious day.  
 For oft in our pathway the mountains rose high,  
 And help there seemed none save it came from the sky.  
 But when night was darkest, and strongest our fear,  
 Our God, He delivered, and still He is near.  
 O, praised be His name—for the past and to-day ;  
 O, praised be His name ! let us evermore say ;  
 O, praised be His name for the help of His hand ;  
 O, praised be His name for this Christ-given land !

But when Camp-Meeting came, O then came the throng—  
 Some thought things were right ; some thought everything wrong.  
 Some wanted a tent, a boat, or some straw,  
 And some wanted things not according to law.  
 A dozen cried out, “ Where is Osborn, I say ?  
 See here, I've been waiting this whole blessed day—  
 The night 's coming on, I can get nothing done,  
 I've a mind to pack up and go straight back home.”  
 But, after a while, our friend Osborn appears,  
 And a dozen good people, appealing in tears,  
 Each ask but a minute—a minute I say,  
 “ O, here, Brother Osborn, please to come this way ;  
 I'm so glad to find you. I do want to know,  
 Won't you please help me find my dear little Joe ?”  
 “ Your dear little Joe !” Osborn cries in disdain,—  
 And from showing displeasure can hardly refrain—  
 But knowing he must, he answereth low,  
 “ Please get those less busy to look for your Joe,

For there 's much to be done, and many complain  
They 've no place to sleep, and no shelter from rain."

But the friend was aggrieved, and could not see why  
That at just such a time she should have such reply :  
So we all stood reproved : and answering low,  
Dropped everything else and went hunting for Joe :  
Yes, hunting for Joe—though others would say,  
"To do nothing at all it takes you all day ;"  
And though all our time was thus uselessly spent,  
While dear little Joe lay asleep in his tent—  
Yet we must be patient, enduring the while,  
Till the scowl of reproof is changed to the smile.  
For sure as the pathway of duty is trod,  
As sure as the heavens containeth a God,  
So sure shall the scorn and rebuke pass away—  
The darkness unfold in meridian day.  
The storm and the gloom of the tempest pass by,  
And the rainbow arch out in the beautiful sky.

It is so, my dear Brother—and we come now—  
Not with garlands of bloom to encircle your brow—  
Not with gifts like these, do we welcome you back—  
No fading earth-honors we lay in your track—  
O, no ! we have come,—for the night is now past,  
And the long-looked for day has broken at last ;  
The storm, too, is silenced, and behold ! on high,  
The rainbow of promise is filling the sky.

We come not with banners or deep-sounding drum,  
We come not as the mail-clad warriors come ;  
We come full of peace, full of joy, full of love,  
We come here to-day our strong friendship to prove ;  
We come here to-day, and are glad you have come,  
And in proof of our gladness *we give you this home ;*  
It is yours, all yours, here to live, or to die,  
Yours, your wife's, and your boy's—may this be your throne.  
It is yours, *all paid for*, it is yours alone ;  
It is yours, yes, yours. So our God often sends  
The choicest of blessings through numerous friends.

But the friend most active in this gift to-day,  
Whose firm faith hath borne each barrier away,  
To whom you're indebted through all future life,  
Is the Mistress of Song, the Itinerant's wife.\*  
To God and to her let our thanks be given,  
And our prayer go up for a meeting in heaven !  
Where Cookman, and Lawrence, and Franklin abide,  
O may we, through mercy, forever reside.

O, then, Brother in Christ, here again, we say,  
In the flush and glow of this festival day,  
That if the occasion in grandeur has lack,  
Rest assured, O Brother, *we welcome you back !*  
We welcome you back from the land of flowers,  
We welcome you back to our Ocean bowers ;  
We welcome you back to the beach and the strand,  
We welcome you back with our heart and our hand,  
Where ocean's cool breath so triumphantly sweeps,  
And smooth Wesley Lake in tranquility sleeps ;  
Where progress goes forth with wreaths on her brow,  
O, *pioneer Brother, we welcome you now !*

\* Mrs. J. S. Inskip.

## A NIGHT SCENE AT OCEAN GROVE.

BY REV. G. K. MORRIS, A. M.

Ten o'clock at night is a late hour for closing religious service, in the sober and decorous way of doing things. But circumstances justify and sometimes demand a departure from the rigidly regular course. Of this fact Camp-Meetings afford many illustrations, and Camp-Meetings are interesting chiefly because irregular, and different from the life at home.

What would staid, stay-at-home people say to an invitation to attend a night meeting at a quarter past ten o'clock, out of doors, with only the stars looking down in their soft brightness, for light? Such an invitation the Ocean Grove people received one day during the recent Camp-Meeting. Moreover, they were informed that nothing particular was to take place, and that only those who wanted to know what was going on were invited, while those who did not care to know might stay at home and go to bed. You may believe, dear reader, that the genial E. H. Stokes knew, intuitively, the effect of such an invitation. If he did not at first know, he soon learned. Rumors began to get abroad of a wedding, of baptisms, and so on, as active imaginations suggested.

At the hour named, by the side of Wesley Lake, which seemed so quiet that you might fancy it a great yet gentle creature that had gone softly to sleep, gathered the multitudes of expectant ones. It seemed as if all the encampment were there. The tents were closed, silence prevailed among the cottages, and all the avenues were deserted.

The invitation proves to have been a successful one. Shall we look upon the scene? It will need sharp eyes to do so, and much help from imagination, for no moon is shining, and such meetings as this were not provided for in the plans of the committee on gas-light. The deep gloom of the groves on either shore of the lake is only heightened by the feeble star-light struggling through the misty night. It is so dark that you need to peer carefully under the hat-brim of your next neighbor to see whose features the darkness veils. The hundreds that line the shore, form a dark, irregular border to the motionless waters. On the other shore, in Asbury Park, the few lamps that twinkle throw some struggling rays out upon the darkness, sufficient to make it visible.

On the lake, just in front of us, in dim outline, may be seen a dozen boats, laden with silent passengers—as if waiting for Charon to ferry them over the



waveless river to the land of Spirits. The gloom is softened by two or three lanterns in the boats, that float near each other, making the neighborhood a little brighter than elsewhere. We can distinguish nothing clearly, but it is clear that something is preparing for us.

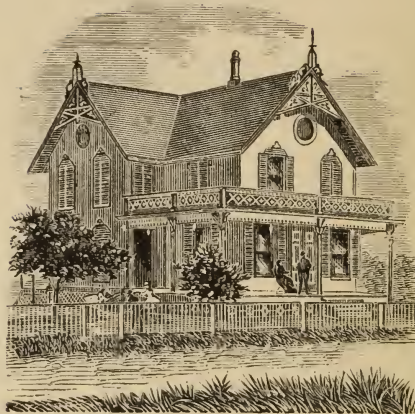
Listen! A rich, musical voice, clear as the bugle tone, and as distinct, yet mellow as the German flute, breaks the stillness that was becoming oppressive. Musical waves seem to roll along on the bosom of the lake, that surely must be listening, and then, without breaking, they rolled over the thrilled hearts of the hundreds on shore, and on, till the very groves are flooded with music. It is a manly voice, and one of peculiar qualities. We, here, at a distance, seem to hear it as distinctly as those in the boat by the singer's side. He is singing the "Life Boat," and when he throws out the cry, "The life boat! the life boat!" it startles the listener almost painfully.

He thinks of the stormy sea, and shipwreck, and imperiled mariner, and the wild, despairing cry for the "life boat" which will not come to save him from the hungry waves that triumph over his helplessness. When, again, the singer repeats, "The life boat! the life boat!" there is more of joy than despair in the tones. Now the listener sees the mariner rescued. The boat has reached him, and, as strong arms lift him from the waters, his soul is blessing the "life boat." Now the saved one is at home telling the story—and wife and children bless the "life boat," while eyes are wet with grateful tears.

Again, that persuasive voice repeats "The life boat! the life boat!" Now we think of life's stormy sea, and its shipwrecked one. O! from many hearts is wrung the despairing cry, "A life boat!" Is it vain? Does Heaven hear? Again the singer—an unwonted mellowness seems now in his voice. It moves the soul's deep. The life boat is near the sinking one. Thank God, he is safe! Join all in the chorus joyfully, for God looks after the shipwrecked.

But the song is over. People join in singing, "We shall gather at the river." Will there be a glorious transformation? Shall light chase this darkness away, and we see our loved ones?

Would I could tell all the thoughts of good that surged through a thousand hearts that night by the lake. Surely, the effects of that half hour will live forever. Memory will cherish and fancy enrich the recollections of the pleasing entertainment it afforded. Thanks to Brother Stokes, for the conception, and thanks to Brother Hardy for his songs.



HAYS' COTTAGE.

Residence of Hon. J. L. HAYS, Ocean Pathway, near Beach Avenue.

## NETTIE.

BY REV. E. H. STOKES.

NETTIE HAYS, daughter of Hon. J. L. and H. H. HAYS, of Newark, N. J., slept in Jesus at the Summer home of her parents, (shown in the above engraving), Ocean Grove, N. J., July 2d, 1873, aged 5 years and 4 months. She was a beautiful child, and greatly beloved. In the Sabbath-school she was a special favorite. Here she learned to sing the sweet songs of Zion, none of which she so much prized as "I am so glad that Jesus loves me" This she sung with great frequency, and with such sweetness that all hearts were drawn towards her. She loved much, but Jesus always first and best. A little while before she died, her countenance shone like the face of an angel.

The following lines were composed and sent to her parents several months after her death :

The beautiful sea! the beautiful sea!

Song by the beautiful sea—

'Twas a song of love, like they sing above,  
As sweet as a song could be.

O, the beautiful light in the sky was bright.

As bright as brightness could be:

And the singer sung, as with angel's tongue,  
"So glad that Jesus loves me."



O, the soft sweet voice made all hearts rejoice,  
All hearts by the bright blue sea—  
Like an angel's song, so it trilled along—  
"So glad that Jesus loves me."

The beautiful child was all undefiled,  
As guileless as child could be—  
No wonder she sung, as with angel's tongue,  
"So glad that Jesus loves me."

"And I love him, too—yes, indeed I do,"  
She said, when down by the sea—  
Her heart all intent, as singing she went,  
"So glad that Jesus loves me."

"But Jesus is best, and, more than the rest.  
I love Him, here by the sea;  
Yes, more than the rest, I love Him best,  
'So glad that Jesus loves me.'"


"O, my sweet papa, I love you and ma,  
So much as ever can be;  
But, more than the rest, I love Jesus best—  
'So glad that Jesus loves me.'

"Oh, I am tired," she said: then laid her sweet head  
On bosoms down by the sea—  
Her brow bathed in light, she sung in the night,  
"So glad that Jesus loves me."

An angel, she smiled, while, all undefiled,  
She waited down by the sea;  
With bright angels' song her's floated along:  
"So glad that Jesus loves me."

By sweet angels kept, our dear Nettie slept,  
She slept way down by the sea;  
But she sings above, her sweet song of love  
"So glad that Jesus loves me."

CAMDEN, N. J., 1874.



## OCEAN GROVE—ITS AIR AND WATER.

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THERE is a growing feeling among some of the intelligent invalids who have been helped at Ocean Grove, that its virtues should be more carefully specified and widely known. It is generally supposed that the chief advantages of this resort are bathing in the surf, freedom from the restraints of fashionable resorts, and the quieting influence of a religious atmosphere—all of which are true. But there are some reasons, most generally overlooked, which it gives me pleasure to notice; and can, perhaps, be told in the way of experience better than any other. My first visit was in the Summer of 1870, where, in a rest of a fortnight, I found more recuperation than ever before in the same length of time. It was attributable, in my judgment then, to careful daily bathing in the surf, rest, and the other circumstances before mentioned. The Summer vacation of '71 found me much prostrated; so much that anything more than sitting as a listener at the Camp Meeting was out of my power—and yet, after twenty-nine nights spent in a tent near Wesley Lake, my strength was wonderfully restored, and one of the hardest Winter's service of my life was successfully accomplished. So great was the change for the better, that it was determined in my mind to erect a cottage, and take my wife to the same place, being well assured it could not fail to benefit her. She had been a helpless invalid for years, suffering from spinal difficulty and general debility. To give some idea of her feebleness, it is only necessary to state that she rarely left her room save as she was carried; and our removals from place to place were matters of no ordinary moment. We had given up hope, almost, of any improvement; the best physicians had done all they could, and we were simply trusting in God, and submitting to His will. In July, '72, we took her to Ocean Grove, and for a few days she seemed to lose rather than gain strength; but on my return, in September, from a journey, and going to see her (after an absence of four months), she surprised me by leading me across the ground to dinner, with an elasticity of step, and speed, that made me stop and look at her with wonder. Her health was so much recovered that she was able to nurse me through an almost fatal illness of more than two months' duration; but such exhausting, anxious work told severely on her strength, and the Spring of '73 found her again very much prostrated. She was confined to her bed six weeks; but as soon as she was able to move, we

took her to the little cottage, and in a very short time she was moving about with her accustomed vigor—and though this Spring has been a trying one, and we have moved to a new apartment, she has gone through without a break, and bids fair to see a happy Summer at Ocean Grove.

The reasons adduced at the opening of this article are not sufficient to account for these results—for she has never bathed in the sea, had little to do with the social life and healthful ease of the beach, lake and other surroundings; so we must look for some other reasons—and, in my judgment, they are found: 1st. In the *air*. One reason why the Saranac and Adirondack region is so healthful, is the abundance of hemlock, fir and pine that abound there; and the same is true of Ocean Grove. On all the land sides are great groves of pine: and the forests for many miles are largely of this tree. There is an almost constant exudation of pitch from them. A tent spread under them shows this plainly. The air is perfumed with their fragrance; all the land breezes are laden with it, and it is no wonder the appetite, after a few days, is so hard to satisfy. It is well known that the cutters of pine and hemlock timber in the north woods of New York, are most expensive boarders—and it is said the boarding-house keepers at Ocean Grove have hard work to satisfy the hunger of their guests. There is no air better for enfeebled throats and lungs than such as breathes through the pines; and the instant one with a feeble throat crosses the bridge over Great Pond, the softness and soothing of the air become apparent. The longer one can stay in this air, the better—a few days will do good, but a longer stay is to be preferred.

The second reason is the *water*. This is reached by driving a pipe into the earth, and most delicious is the taste thereof. There has been no chemical analysis of it made that I am aware of; but it is evident there are mineral qualities of great value in it. Pumping a fresh glass, a very perceptible effervescence may be noticed, and the effects of liberal drinking are very salutary.

These two facts, generally overlooked, are, in my judgment, large factors in the benefit invalids receive at Ocean Grove. God's blessing seems to rest on these sweet and unnoticed means, and we are not alone in thinking there are few such places on this continent.

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## THE BOYS.

BY REV. A. E. BALLARD.

Boys are an institution anywhere, and especially an institution in the Grove. Their number is very large in proportion to the families who domicile within the grounds—so large as to indicate the probable large increase of Methodism in the coming generation. If the boys at the Grove represent the masculine status of Methodism generally, it will never die out from the drying up of the families. Verily, their name is legion. They meet you at all the corners; they climb all the ridge-poles; they divide the occupancy of the trees with the squirrels and wrens; they throng all the avenues; they tumble through all private fencings; they cluster around the restaurants and ice-cream saloons; they speculate in peanuts; they hang behind the wagons, and race milk-carts; they climb up into the stage, and spend the time, no matter where they are, in occasioning parental disquietude over their locality. It is a rare interregnum here when some anxious mother is not inquiring for her boy. She is afraid he is in the lake; she is certain he is in the ocean; she is sure he is lost in the woods; she thinks it likely he is dead; and by that time she generally catches sight of her young hopeful, sneaking around some corner, and repaying her anxious affection by desperate efforts to keep out of her sight. The fathers are not generally so anxious. They appear to have an abiding conviction that the boy can take care of himself, and he feels disposed to let him try it. The mothers, after they have been here awhile, lose their fears in an enforced resignation, and, as a rule, the boys *do* take care of themselves, and rarely or never get hurt. But it is in the lake that the boy nature comes out most freely. Dashing and shooting in their little boats everywhere; crossing, re-crossing in angles, in parallelograms, in segments, in circles, in all sorts of mathematical tangles; spattering each other, running into each other, boat ahoying each other, interlinking each other's oars, scolding each other, laughing at each other, and keeping things lively in all manner of ways. It may be a mark of special depravity, but the boys make no secret of their regret over the approaching Camp-Meeting, and express their aversion in terms more decided than religious. Yet Ocean Grove, without the boys, would not be Ocean Grove, and while their pranks occasion some inconvenience, still, one of the chief attractions here, as everywhere else, is the boys.

## THE GIRLS.

BY REV. A. E. BALLARD.

IF the boys are an "institution" at this place, certainly the girls are still more so. There is a return to first principles in the habits and customs of this younger kind of young ladies, which it is really refreshing to behold. There is a human-ness about them, which, while it dispenses altogether with the angelic conception, gives us a most healthy idea of unlimited bread and butter. There is not exactly a delicate exotic color upon the lily ground-work of their cheeks: but there is a decided *tan*—almost a bronze—in its place. The taper fingers are filled up with hard, solid muscle; and instead of taper waists, they develop a full, splendid chest, which would do honor to a Venus de Medicis. Young girls, from two years to twenty two, row the boats—splash in the surf—run, if they choose, through the woods—go barefooted, if circumstances call for it—and, in fact, come back as near to nature as it is possible to come. Yet with all this there is no absence of refinement. A young girl whose instincts of ladyhood have been cultivated at home, is equally a young lady in all the abandon of the grove. The manners are as graceful as those of the most cultivated fashionable life. The very freedom of their habits adds a beauty to the culture of their politeness, and many a lady, charming in the perfect artificialness of both appearance and manners, might profitably copy the naturalness of the *girls* at the Grove.

Yet, like the boys, they are terrible sources of anxiety to nervous mothers and anxious fathers. In their ancestral conceptions they are drowned every day, although they are always punctually back at meal-time. They expect to find them at the bottom of the lake, but really find them at the head of the table. They disappear from the anxious paternal vision, and turn up among the huckleberry bushes. They get constantly lost, and as constantly get found again—generally on the sands of the shore. They make unlimited promises not to do so any more, and in ten minutes go and do it again—yet, despite all the anxiety they cause, Ocean Grove would be shorn without the girls: bright, young, healthy girls. And if the style of manners which are being cultivated among them should become the fashion, the people will owe to Ocean Grove a physical debt which it will not be easy to estimate.



## BOATING.

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OFTEN the weather is of that softly delicious character which tempts a lounge out upon the waters of the lake. During the day the boating is largely confined to the bathing hour, when most of the people who possess a boat, use it to go down to the ocean, and row back again after the bath is taken. It is one of the singular features about bathing in the ocean, that no one appears to take cold from remaining with their wet clothes on for half an hour after taking the bath. Quiet ladies, who at home do not allow the winds of heaven to blow upon them too roughly, here exhibit a perfect abandonment of carefulness, and sit for this time with their wet clothes upon them, and take no harm. Barefooted, stockingless, and gipsy-hatted, they forget the possibilities of illness, and consequently do not get ill. During the day the boys use the boats in imitation of Harvard and Yale—and many is the youthful triumph over a successful race: and many are the smashings and runnings into one another which occur in these connections.

But it is in the evenings, when the sunset is flushing the waters, that the *real* boating of Ocean Grove takes place. From seven to nine o'clock the lake is literally alive with craft. From both sides of the water, starting out from all conceivable docks and landings, all kinds of vessels, from the tiniest shell to a fair-sized wherry—all sorts of crews, from a single boy or girl to a crowd of ladies and gentlemen—all laughing and chattering—voices ringing out in the soft, moist air of the evening, and harmonizing sweetly with the departing sunset and the advancing evening—the long line of lights on either side of the shore, flashing on each merry party as they pass, and forming a path of streaming beauty beyond; all these, with hundreds of other sources of enjoyment, combine with the boating at Ocean Grove.

A. E. B.

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The healthfulness of this locality needs no better evidence than the utterly careless manner in which the people violate the ordinary rules of hygiene—and moderation. They apparel themselves with little or no regard to the health-rules which they deem essential at home, and they eat, drink and sleep in about the same way. Still, there is little or no sickness here: and there must be a wonderful sanitary power in the woods and waves to induce the uninterrupted health which usually reigns at this place.

The most of the sickness we have known has been that caused by living and sleeping in cottages newly painted, where the poisonous exhalations from them affected the throat and lungs to such a degree as to become serious. It is generally better to leave the cottages unpainted till after the Summer residence is over, and they have the Winter in which to dry.



## BATHING.

BY REV. E. A. BALLARD.

WHO that has luxuriated in the joy of an ocean bath, has not longed for its repetition? When once the body is arrayed—not exactly in purple and fine linen, but in the unique and graceful bathing-dress, and has gone out into the rolling breakers, the vivacity of childhood comes back to the years which have so long left it. When the provisions for safety are so thorough that all fear is dismissed from the mind, the *abandon* is complete, and the joy ecstatic. The long, rolling surf-waves (if we so will it) gently shock the frame, and stir the sluggish blood to fresher motion. That motion rolls, and bounds, and leaps through the veins—anywhere, everywhere—routing all the host of peccant humors which had ambushed themselves in all possible hidden places—never ceasing the pursuit till it has forced them to the surface. The torpid liver finds itself compelled to join the general activity, and to work like a disused steam engine newly set in motion. The nerves respond to the body's school boy holiday, and scatter tingling sensations of pleasure all over the frame. The rapid action of all the parts clears the throat from its huskiness, and the voice peals out in laughter through tones whose musical cadences astonish the possessor. The rush of the sporting waters, spattering, spluttering, frisking, running and ducking, enters every pore and washes away the humors which had before been driven from their ambush, and with them the vapid inanition which they had produced. The surf lubricates the joints like oil; grave men fling out their limbs like colts in pastures; dignified women, from the very inspiration of necessity, sport like girls at recess; aged people tumble among the waves till one would think they were only in their teens. People who would be shocked at home over the slightest departure from conventional proprieties, spatter each other with the most exuberant good will. Sometimes a "wise and reverend head" will be pushed down under the waters by another head as wise and reverend as itself. A moment, and it emerges, overflowing with fun and laughter, and a desperate lunge places the other sportive combatant where he was before. The little children chase each other through the white foam of the sanded shores, rolling over each other, in the utter abandonment of delight. Young men and maidens forget how far society keeps them apart, and together dash in, in entire forgetfulness of what society may think. Then when the multitude come out of the water! The apparel does not cling to the form in exactly the shapes which outline the gracefulness of beauty, but no one cares for that,

and they only laugh the more over the appearance of each other. The laughter is "catching," and the veriest trifles excite fresh peals of merriment—chattering, pushing, scattering sand over each other, in the flush of a full life, their way is wended to the houses where the transformation from the non-descripts who enter, and the elegant ladies and gentlemen who return, is completed. Then the table keeper can appreciate them! Then the delicious sleep which follows! Then the sense of health which waits on solid sleep! Then the pleasure with which the wakening call of the morning sunlight is received! Purer and healthier every hour under the process, and a few days sends the bather from Ocean Grove invigorated into a new sense of delicious life.

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## DR. WARD'S MEETINGS AT OCEAN GROVE.

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ONE of the most delightful things connected with Ocean Grove was Dr. Ward's meeting for the promotion of holiness, carried on from day to day in his large tent. To see that dear Presbyterian Elder surrounded by such crowds of Christians of all denominations, not only his own, but Baptists, Episcopalians, Dutch Reformed, and others as well as Methodists, and all in loving harmony, was a heavenly sight. They had varied views on minor points of theology, no doubt, but there was no clashing on the duty and privilege of loving God, with all the heart, and together they strove to get nearer to Jesus.

Those who were not entirely saved from all their sins, sought for a full salvation, and the many who were walking in full light and liberty asked and received fresh baptisms of fire.

The deep earnestness of those who attended, and the burning zeal of many of them—the blessed fruits of the Spirit manifested in a majority of the testimonies given to those who had tested Christ's power to save to the uttermost—the numbers who sought for the cleansing from all unrighteousness, the sacred influence that seemed to reach every one that came there, and the repeated manifestations of the presence of the blessed Holy Ghost, made it a place of deep and solemn interest to all.

## THE MODERN EDEN.

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WE have been to Ocean Grove and want everybody to know what a delightful place it is. We had heard wonderful accounts of its beauties, and were charmed with its name, for there is magic in the name, *Ocean*.

The Grove consists of about two hundred and thirty acres of land, and is bounded east by the ocean, north by Wesley Lake, south by Fletcher Lake, and west by the turnpike leading to Long Branch. It is laid out in avenues, on which many fine cottages have already been erected. Lake View Avenue fronts on Wesley Lake, and Ocean Avenue looks on the great Atlantic; then there is Sea View, Bath, Beach, Atlantic and Surf Avenues, all suggestive of the sea. Ocean Pathway is a splendid walk from the preaching-stand to the ocean, on either side of which are fields of buckwheat, which perfume the air and charm the eye.

But the ocean itself is the grandest sight of all. We love to sit on the sandy shore and watch the proud waves with their white foamy crest, rolling toward us as if conscious of their strength, and then breaking at our feet in obedience to His command who said, "Thus far shalt thou go, and no farther." Far out towards the horizon the waters were of a deep blue color, while nearer the shore they were green. The distinction was sometimes very striking, and while the surging billows were dashing on the sandy beach, away beyond there seemed to be scarce a ripple on the surface. When the light of the moon shone on its waters a bright path opened before us, and we could almost fancy, if some friendly hand would only convey us beyond the heaving billows, that we could walk upon the water in that bright path. And when there was no moon, and the phosphorescent light danced along the waves, what a magnificent sight it presented to our view. There is music, too, in the deep roar of these mighty waters, coming from the very depths of those dark caverns hidden from the gaze of mortal eye.

And it was splendid to be in the water. Some swimming, some floating, some jumping the waves, and all apparently enjoying themselves. What a comical looking set of folks we were, too, attired in our bathing-robcs. The bath houses were erected by Captain Street, a gentleman who cannot fail to give satisfaction to all. His associates, too, were worthy of all praise. Some timid ones (we are included in that number), who loved the water but were afraid to battle with the waves, found a kind protector in Tony, the bathing

master. He stood like a rock, and lifted us up when the great waves came, and we felt so secure. We thank him for much of our enjoyment in the water.

There was one thing we missed, that was going out with the fishing party. How beautiful to see the boats come in, riding over the waves so gracefully. We thought it very fine to ride on Wesley Lake at first, but after seeing the fishing party return, the Lake lost its attractions, the Ocean alone could satisfy us now.

We have not said much about the "Grove" after all, but having dipped our pen in old ocean, we cannot consent to write about anything else, and will only say the water is delightful and the air invigorating.

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## WITH JESUS BY THE SEA.

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How pleasant after months of close confinement amid brick and mortar, to sit down in some quiet spot on the brink of old ocean, soothed by its ceaseless roll, and stretch the eye over its wide expanse, with vision bounded only by sky and water, and breathe its invigorating atmosphere. Such were the writer's thoughts while reclining in the pavilion, at the foot of Ocean Pathway, at Ocean Grove, one beautiful evening last week. And these feelings were mingled with sincere gratitude, as we remembered that in the shady grove skirting the beach there were then hundreds of God's people of different denominations, some of the most excellent and devoted of the earth, assembled in His name, to worship and to advance His cause, and we instinctively exclaimed, here is just what a Christian people have long needed, a watering-place, where "the Lord God Omnipotent reigneth." Recuperation for soul and body, recreation and salvation delightfully mingled together.

But our reverie is soon to be interrupted; it has been announced from the preaching-stand that there will be public service at 6 P. M., at the beach, and now slowly from cottage and tented circle they come. They cover the sandy slope, and still they come, until they crowd all the place down to the wave-washed strand. And now in silent awe, all uncovered, in the presence of Him who holds the mighty deep in the hollow of His hand, the song of praise

goes up, like the voice of many waters, until it swells above the roar of the foaming billows that dash at our very feet.

What a sea of upturned faces, lit up with holy joy. The thought occurs, are we in Palestine? Is this the shore of Tiberias? Are these the scenes of the incarnation re-enacted? Is Jesus really here to feed and heal the multitude? Yes; 'Jesus was there, to heal. While the good old Coronation hymn was being sung, so spontaneous did it seem to spring or leap to the lips of that vast throng, that we felt that in their very hearts, filled with hallowed emotions, Jesus was crowned Lord of all.

With a thrill of rapture too big for utterance, we gazed at the glowing sunset, and then at the sea, listened to the burning words of inspiration and songs of praise, until it seemed that nature also, retouched by the finger of its divine Maker, had really conspired with the voice of grace to crown Him Lord of all.

The services were adjourned until the next evening at the same hour, with the Doxology sung as we have seldom heard it, and a triumphant hallelujah! while the lofty pennant, streaming from the tall flag-staff just above our heads, chimed in, "The Lord reigneth." The mighty host then fell in line, and marched up the broad avenue to the grove, singing, "O, glory hallelujah! our God is marching on!"

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SOLOMON AT EZION-GEBER.

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REV. J. D. ADAMS, having spent a number of weeks at Ocean Grove, and becoming deeply interested in it, on returning to his church and people at Buffalo, last Summer, delivered to them an interesting sermon on the above subject, of which the following are extracts. The reader will be interested in the perusal.

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*Then went Solomon to Ezion-Geber, and to Eloth, at the sea-side, in the land of Edom.*—II Chronicles, 8, 17.

Solomon went to the sea-side.

Solomon was a wise man. Perhaps he was wiser in going to the sea-side than he was in doing some other things which he did. It seems that he went to the sea-side to make arrangements to obtain gold.

Many, who lay no claim to the wisdom of Solomon, have also visited the sea-side. Some of us did not go to arrange plans to send to Ophir for gold. On the contrary, I am prepared to believe that some, at least, find the balance against them in that direction. They went to the sea-side and left their greenbacks. And those who went wisely have no tears to shed, I presume, over this sober fact. Men can make greenbacks, but they cannot make the sea.

I have been to the sea, and although not pretending to be wise like Solomon, I do not think what I did was unwise.

A most interesting phenomenon appears at the present time in this country in relation to places and methods of recreation. Until within a few years, the places which God seems to have designed for rest and recuperation, such as springs, sea sides, and sublime mountain situations, have been, to a great extent, occupied for purposes of dissipation and sin. This fact was, by many



good people, transferred (from such occupation) to the idea of recreation itself; and because Satan was where he had no business to be, many of these good folks have come to think that it is almost wrong to venture into places of this nature, with the design of making them fit places for rest. That singular fact in the history of this country, called Camp-Meetings, has seemed, in the providence of God, to pass into a wider and unique sphere of operations, and to fill a place hitherto unoccupied.

Thousands of people came to learn the charm of a few weeks in fresh air, amid the green woods; and the religious influence witnessed in this connection, opened the eyes of some to the possibility of adapting this institution to take possession of places naturally suited to recreation, and placing them under elevating and sanctifying influences.

Martha's Vineyard was thus occupied, and its fame has become widely known.

Some five years ago, a few Preachers in New Jersey found a spot in the sandy wilderness which borders the Atlantic in that State, and thought to build a place where a few of them could come and spend a short time by the sea-side, and mingle religious devotion with innocent recreation. They soon found that many others desired to unite with them, and thus their purpose enlarged until, by purchase after purchase, they secured two hundred acres or more. This land is covered partially by small oak and pitch-pine trees—yet much of it is barren sand on the beach.

They organized an Association, and laid out this land in lots, avenues, &c., and, four years ago, presented their plan to the public, and had their first Camp-Meeting.

I saw their notice in the "Christian Advocate," and having for some years desired the advantages of a sea-side resort, such as this seemed to be, in connection with my family I visited it. I found it wild and wilderness-like, but saw at once it was the place for me. At that time there was one frame building, the office, and a limited number of tents. The air was balmy, scented with pines, and, with the mournful dash of the ocean's surf, everything seemed subdued, and invited repose. Indeed the spirit of rest pervaded the very atmosphere, and weary and irritated nerves were soothed in the lullaby of the sea and the sighing pines.

These grounds are bounded on the north and south by lakes called Wesley and Fletcher. A high board fence encloses the ground on the west, and the Atlantic ocean on the east.

We have here the broad ocean itself without bay or harbor. Consequently the surf plays its eternal chorus on the beach—a melancholy sound, and some-

what awe-inspiring. With scarcely an exception, there is a strange fascination in the sea for all who visit it.

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The place which I have spoken of is called "Ocean Grove." I have told you how it appeared when I first saw it. The result of the enterprise, thus far, has been to demonstrate that there are thousands of people in this country who have felt a desire for such a place of rest and recreation, under religious influence and restraints. For only four years have passed since it was brought to the attention of the public, and this year [1873] there were, besides some half-a-dozen or more quite large boarding-houses which were at times crowded, about 500 tents, and between 300 and 400 cottages—and these tents and cottages were generally filled to their capacity.

Perhaps there were at least 8,000 persons living upon the grounds. And in immediate connection with this ground, a Methodist gentleman from New York city, has purchased some 500 acres, and, in sympathy with Ocean Grove, devotes his land to the same purpose, calling it "Asbury Park." This is on the north of Ocean Grove—and, just south of it, another Methodist gentleman, from Newark, N. J., has purchased yet another tract, and made it, also, a suburb of Ocean Grove. Many beautiful cottages are already completed and occupied on these adjacent grounds, which would increase the Camp-Meeting population (say from August 1 to 15) to near ten thousand—and this is the result of only four years' effort.

Of course this is not a permanent population. These thousands, with few exceptions, are here for only a few weeks or months during the season—a vast moving multitude, coming from all sections of the United States. This fact gives a unique character to the appearance of the place. One is impressed with the pilgrim-like aspect of the multitude about him.

Another fact characterizes this resort. A great proportion of the people visiting here are Christians, and active, devoted workers in the Master's vineyard. Thousands of earnest, influential Ministers of the Gospel are among the number of visitors.

Refinement and courtesy surround one, and a great subdued atmosphere is prevalent. Profanity, boisterousness, ill-manners are very rare exceptions. Peace, sweetness, cheerfulness, characterize men and women as we meet them.

The religious objective-point of this enterprise, is the promotion of a higher and more complete Christian experience; blending innocent recreation with an

elevated and full Christian experience—giving to Jesus his rightful sovereignty over the entire life, with all its pleasures and lawful recreations, as well as over its sober duties and sad trials.

This is giving a broad scope to Christian holiness—but is it not sustained by the Gospel itself? Fanaticism has taken an extreme against this, and made the unsuccessful attempt to divorce a higher Christian life from human life itself. And thus many sincere Christians have been beguiled into prejudice against the sweetest and most satisfactory phase of Christian experience, by reason of the ugly uses to which fanaticism would devote it. But wise men and women should not permit themselves to be cheated out of the richest gift of grace because unwise people have misrepresented it. Jesus is a safe Saviour, even to the uttermost.

But the purpose of the men who have this enterprise in hand, savors the entire society gathered here. Religious services are held every day for weeks and months, one or two, or more, each day. And for ten days each season there is a Camp-Meeting. I have never witnessed such Sabbaths as here. The gates are closed Saturday evening, and the Sabbath morning dawns upon a quiet scene. Stillness prevails, except as the sound of sacred song and fervent prayer is heard. No clatter of wheels, no loud conversation; you feel in your very soul, "This is a real Sabbath." The spirit of repose prevails, and woos to devotion.

It is the custom at six o'clock Sabbath evenings to hold what is termed a "surf meetings." A wide and beautiful avenue runs from the grove, where religious services are held, directly to the ocean. A sandy bluff slopes up from the beach, and here these unique and remarkable meetings are held. Two weeks since there were probably 5,000 persons at the meeting sitting or standing in a kind of amphitheatre, at the base of which was the ocean, whose surf kept rolling up and dashing on the beach with measured tone.

In the midst of this meeting, one remarked that he would like to hear that vast concourse join in singing "All hail the power of Jesus' name"; and, in the tune Coronation, the assembled thousands rolled up this grand old hymn, while the great ocean played the accompaniment. The setting sun had thrown up its tinted canopy in the west, and there, upon the shores of waters stretching thousands of miles away—the border of eternity, as it seemed—from thousands of souls arose the swelling ascription, "Crown him Lord of all." Stupid indeed must have been the person who was not impressed in the midst of such sublimity.

In these meetings it is interesting to hear the variety of phases in which the ocean presents itself as an emblem of Christian experience. The many sacred songs appropriate to such a presence, are sung with peculiar interest.

These thousands, here together on the brink of the ocean, are to separate in a few days—many to return here no more: some soon to be borne to their graves—all nearing the margin of time, and a goodly number discerning the shining shore.

Heaven must look down upon such a scene with pleasing interest. It does not quickly fade from the memory.

A year ago I was present at a meeting held upon the margin of Wesley Lake, which lies between Ocean Grove and Asbury Park. It was ten o'clock at night, just after the close of the Camp-Meeting services for the day. There was no moon to light the scene, and lanterns were used. A few excellent singers moved their little white boats a few rods from shore, while the great congregation stood upon the land. A few lights gleamed through the darkness across the lake. A splendid singer, standing in a boat, struck up the song called the "Life Boat," and other appropriate hymns were sung. It seemed as if we had come to witness the departure of souls for the unseen shore. The thick shades of night were upon us, but through the gleam of lamps we saw the white boats with slight motion, panting, as it seemed, to plunge into the beyond. There were lights twinkling through the gloom upon the other shore. When we come to the margin, may it be so! songs to cheer us, life boats to receive us; lights on the other shore penetrating the gloom, and beckoning us away.

Such are some of the associations and influences of the sea-side resort. One feels that he is among friends.

With such surroundings, the admirable advantages here afforded for surf-bathing are greatly enjoyed by the many people who delight in this refreshing recreation. One never witnesses rowdyism. Refined ladies and dignified men soon learn that the proper sense of propriety is not to be shocked, and they soon enter into the enjoyment of the foaming surf with some of us who have been longer in the brine.

And this surf is a great leveller. Grave doctors of divinity and stately matrons find it no respecter of persons, and stiff gravity soon gives way to youthful exuberance. Stern, care-worn men become boys again for the time, and really, I have come to believe more in some aspects of humanity, as I have witnessed the effect of surf-bathing upon sober and severe persons, who scarcely seemed to have a fellow-feeling in them. I wish all our Ministers and congregations could go through the process for a few weeks each Summer. I reckon there would be more elasticity, if it could be so. And these venerable doctors who are writing such doleful editorials in our papers respecting ministerial vacations, I would greatly enjoy it to see them in the surf when the breakers



rolled high enough to make them in doubt as to whether they ran a paper or a submarine battery. It would not hurt them, and might help them to look upon human interests with more practical wisdom.

You must not infer that the peace which I have described to you is heaven, or that everybody who goes there is without selfishness or infirmity.

I would impress you in this description with the fact that thus far, in this and similar enterprises, Christianity has to some extent demonstrated its power to influence places devoted to recreation, and not only save from dissipation, but send men and women to their homes renewed in spiritual strength as well as physical. No matter what men may write or say, there are men and women in this country who will take some time for recreation, and I do not believe they are less wise than those who do not. And it is inhuman to deny careworn men and women the privilege to renew their strength for the battles of life. With this demand in view, it is a matter of gratitude that God in His providence, and by the power of His grace, has given to the people places of resort where Christian society may be enjoyed; and also places where persons of limited means may enjoy what heretofore only the rich could afford. The rapid and vast increase of the numbers who from all sections of the United States visit this and similar resorts, shows that a real demand existed for such places; and one who loves humanity can but feel grateful that in this nation the toil worn thousands are learning that it is consistent with all genuine human interests to take a little time to see God's sublime works in creative, and mingle with their fellow-men of other than our neighborhoods.

In such a place as the one of which I have spoken, one looks upon his whole country to some extent; Ministers learn from each other and from the Church at large, and get wider views of things, and become better fitted for successful and courageous work at home. Citizens of the North and the South, and East and West, form pleasant acquaintance with each other, and thus sectional prejudices are removed, and Christian union and national union are promoted. When one returns home, he thinks, as he toils, of the esteemed friends with whom he has become acquainted in other and distant sections, who, like him, are pressing onward the interests of the Church and humanity—and his heart takes courage from his knowledge of so many fellow-workers in the glorious strife.

It is interesting to look upon the hundreds of white, comely tents, many of them furnished like parlors. There were, as I have stated, 500 of them this year—a city of tents. People of wealth and social position, as well as others in less affluent circumstances, occupy these tents, and there is a charm in living thus in this balmy air. After living in tents a few weeks the confined air of



dwelling seems almost stifling. The light and air and simplicity of tent-life make one feel as if a new and fresher life had dawned upon him. You think of the patriarchs, and seem to realize something of their simple and sublime life. Tent-life by the sea! Would that bleached humanity could be turned out doors during the Summer, and enjoy this closer relation to fresh air and healing light.

Wandering on the ocean beach is strangely interesting. Before you are aware of it you find yourself eagerly searching among the waifs thrown up by the surf—fragments, etc., from passing ships, and possibly from wrecks, are strewn upon the sand, and in the loneliness seem weird, and, fascinating, beguile your feet onward involuntarily through the sand while you watch successive waves, and search the deposit left in the recession. It seems like searching upon life's strand for mementoes wafted from the spirit world.

As you see one thus wandering and searching on the ocean beach, how like a bereaved relative searching for some token from the departed—perhaps tokens from a wreck; a wrecked immortality. Very sad is such a search. Heaven save us, and save the friends who shall weep over us, from such a hopeless stroll on life's shores.

A very interesting and unique event occurred a few weeks since on the ocean beach. A lady, who has been employed for several years in the United States Treasury Department at Washington, and whose place is now occupied by a lady who is a member of this Church, arranged to have her marriage with the Presiding Elder of Charleston District, S. C., take place on the beach at Ocean Grove. And just at the sunset hour, by the great ocean, in the presence of thousands of witnesses, the beautiful ceremony of our Church was pronounced by Rev. J. S. INSKIP, of the National Camp-Meeting Committee, assisted in the ceremony by myself. Silent and most impressive was the scene. Only the measured dash of the surf and the voice of the officiating clergyman were heard. It seemed fitting that the new life of wedded union should begin on the shore of that vast sea, so calmly reposing at this impressive hour. There was a harmony in the occasion and the surroundings, and a wedding on the ocean beach seemed to be the poetry of marriage.

I noticed in some of the papers last week some criticisms upon the idea of Camp-Meetings at such places as Ocean Grove. Doubts were thrown upon their fervor and efficiency. I know not how it has been at other places, such as Martha's Vineyard, Sea Cliff, Shelter Island, etc., but, as to Ocean Grove, I know that Christian power has been great, and its influence marked and powerful. I never saw more powerful Camp-Meeting services than were witnessed at Ocean Grove last Sabbath. The exercises of the day were ushered

in by a Love-Feast, and this was a season of unusual interest. Witnesses for Jesus, from all parts of this country, arose and gave telling testimonies. Not only Methodists, but members of other denominations were among the joyful witnesses. It should be borne in mind that Ocean Grove and other religious resorts of this character are quite largely patronized by the various denominations. The Love-Feast last Sabbath morning closed gloriously, and with practical results. Towards its close, Mrs. THOMAS, lately returned from India, whose Pastor I was previous to her departure for that land, 12 years since, arose and gave a melting testimony. At her side was a young mother, with her two children, whom Mrs. THOMAS had brought from India, and who had been converted from heathenism. This devoted Missionary spoke of her joy in the Missionary work, and as she sat down she clasped the beautiful little boy from India in her arms as if he were the fruit of her own life. Those of us who were acquainted with Sister THOMAS, knew this was no sham, and no mere impulse. She and her husband have already given \$20,000 of their own means to found a Training School in India; and, more than this, had consecrated their lives to the work.

The great congregation, already aglow with religious fervor, was deeply moved, and then and there hundreds of dollars were given to help them in their Missionary work in India.

The day passed on with powerful and telling work for Jesus, until near the evening hour, when, strangely, as people were coming from tea, a lady whom many of you know, in passing the Preachers' stand, saw some standing near who seemed anxious, and invited them then and there to seek Jesus. Three or four came—no man, no Preacher was present to conduct the services. She hastened and obtained a devoted woman; prayer and singing and exhortation followed; the crowds increased; seats were placed away down through the great congregation, and wherever they could be, and were filled with seekers. Preaching was dispensed with, and the work went on—and the converts multiplied. It was an occasion of overwhelming power—and some of these criticisms written by men in their offices, who know nothing personally of the facts, seem like silly trash in the presence of such a scene as that at Ocean Grove last Sabbath eve. Pentecostal power swayed and awed the masses.

If you want to hear such singing as you can have no where else this side of heaven, go to a live Camp-Meeting. The singing alone is enough to sweep down the powers of hell.

Christianity has proved its power to tone and influence the recreations of the sea-side, and convert and sanctify men in the very midst of these recreations.

Last Monday morning we entered the cars at Long Branch—the people from the two classes of influence, Long Branch and Ocean Grove, met. In a little while a lady in a forward seat began to sing, “Jesus, lover of my soul.” I was curious; thought perhaps she was a little out of place there—But, to my surprise, first from one, then another, her strain was caught up all through the coach, and Ocean Grove poured the gospel of song over the gay revellers of Long Branch. I am persuaded that some of them must have thought that this was higher toned than horse-racing—at any rate more befitting Christian men and women.

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My tent is struck: vacation past, and I am in the field again, to do the Master's bidding. I find the successive circumstances of life which come to me, all of them, suggestive of my pilgrim condition. May God help you and me to work where we are, and do that which is at hand!







Wesley Lake,  
From the Turnpike Bridge, looking towards the Sea.

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Haywood Cottage.  
Residence of J. K. HAYWOOD, ESQ., Corner of Lake and  
New Jersey Avenues.



## THE CHILDREN AT OCEAN GROVE.

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I am so situated with my business in the city that I can only be with my family a part of the week at Ocean Grove—so that wife has nearly all the care of the children—six wide-awake little fellows. I have said to her sometimes, “I fear the care of them will be too much for you, and spoil your enjoyment.” The answer has been: “My health and spirits are improving very much under it. Indeed, my principal care for the little ones is to have their meals ready in time, and see that they have enough to eat; for their appetites are truly wonderful. When they are out of doors, I have no anxiety about them, for I feel that they are perfectly safe any where in Ocean Grove; and I know they are as happy as they can live.

R. J. A.

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## THE SURF-MEETINGS.

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AMONG the most popular of all the services held at Ocean Grove, are those denominated the Surf-Meetings. They are held at the foot of Ocean Pathway, one of the most magnificent avenues in the land; and come at a time when all the business of the day is about over, and both body and mind are prepared for repose. They seem to combine all of the spiritual sentiment which can be derived from natural religion and the most fervid appreciation of the atonement. The broad ocean, telling of God the Creator, and urging His worship in its one surf-song, speaks to an assembly who have just left the altar worship of God the Redeemer. Nature and grace assert that there is no antagonism between them, but that both shall bend knees together in God's worship. There is a religious enjoyment in this far beyond what is used in either religious or sentimental experience. The blended ideas exhilarate the whole religious element of one's being. The natural and the spiritual come together in a manner which gives the best of both. The enjoyment makes us wonder that men do so much worshipping in costly temples, when the groves and seashores are open. No temple can be made which will suggest eternity as will the sea, and nothing will tell the insignificance of time as will the little strips of sand which line it, while the roar of the surf is speaking constantly

of departure. The people gather in this spot by thousands. On Sabbath evening, although the usual summer population of the Grove was not nearly all present, nearly two thousand people were at the meeting. There would be a song of praise, in which every voice joined, rising and swelling upon the evening air in a grand diapason which made the usual "church singing" appear, as it often is, the most *effete* of all the services of religion.

The sunset gates of the sky rolled back their bars of gold in such a way as almost to leave the impression that the "Gates Ajar" were something more than a poetic fancy, and that the angels had drawn back those shining bolts to listen to the song.

A. E. B.

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## AMANDA SMITH AT OCEAN GROVE.

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THE exercises of this devout and gifted woman were highly appreciated and very profitable. Her utterances were with power, and her songs moved all hearts.

She said—"I used to ask God to give me a great blessing, a wonderful amount of grace, and I expected to get it in a large quantity all at once, so that I should have stock laid in for the future. I asked for patience, and expected to get it just like a great big lump of gold so that it would last me for a long while; but I was wonderfully disappointed. The Lord didn't give it to me in that way at all. But He gave it to me just as I needed it. When the trials came, there came the grace required to meet them. When the duties came, then the strength was given to do them, and so day by day I have proved the truth of the promise, 'As thy days so shall thy strength be.'"

### GIVING UP ALL TO WORK FOR JESUS.

Speaking of being called to evangelistic labors, she said—"I hadn't much to give up, that's true, only two wash-tubs, a wash-board, and four smoothing irons; but that was as much for me to give as a good many thousands of dollars' worth for some folks—because it was *my all*. It was what I had to depend on for a living. I lived by washing and ironing. But the Lord said 'Go and do my work, and I'll take care of you;' and so He has taken care of me—blessed be His name! I've never wanted anything but what it has been given me. He supplies all my needs through his dear children; and I don't have to ask them for it, either.

"Soon after I started out, a good Christian lady said to me, 'Now I think you had better have a paper and go round and ask for assistance, as you are going to spend your time working for the good cause. I know a good many who would be glad to help you.' So the lady wrote something on a paper and told me where to go. I kind o' felt that it wasn't the best way to do, but I went to a good lady that I knew and handed the paper to her. She looked at it and said, 'Yes, I'll give thee something, Amanda; but does thee think this is the best way for thee to do it?' I said: 'No, I don't; and I didn't much want to do it. Now I won't ask another one—I'll just trust in God.' From that time I've never asked for anything, and all my need has been supplied."

#### WHAT PERFECT LOVE HAD SAVED HER FROM.

After having spoken of several things which she had been saved from by the power of perfect love—she said it had saved her from the *desire to be white*. It used to cause her great trouble that her skin was black. She thought she might be somebody in the world if she was only *white*—but she must be looked down upon and be nobody, and she grieved and fretted about it, until her heart was washed from all impurity, and made white by the blood of the Lamb; and then she was perfectly satisfied to be black outside, because she was *white inside*, and Jesus could look into her heart and see his image there. That was enough. She had never since felt a sad thought about her color or her situation in life. It was all right; she wouldn't have it different if she could, and all her thought and care was how she could please God and do the work He had given her to do.

[A young lady listening to this recital said to one sitting beside her, "Oh, I wish I could enjoy what that woman does! I would be willing to be as black as she is if I could only be as good." Her friend replied—"You can be just as good as she is, and be what you are."]

#### KEEPING STILL.

At another time, Sister Smith said:—"When I was asking the Lord to write His law on my heart, He showed me that I must keep right still before Him, if I would have His law written there. You know if you were going to write on a piece of paper, or anything else, you could not write if it was being moved about all the time; it must be kept still and not be moving. Just so I found I must be perfectly quiet if the Lord would write on my heart. The cares of life, and the opinions of the world, its smiles or its frowns, its joys or sorrows, must not move me. I must just have one object in view—think of nothing else—care for nothing besides—be steady and quiet before God; then He wrote his law on my heart, and it is fixed; yes, my heart is fixed to do His will."

From her own heart-felt experience she could say, "Great peace have they that love Thy law, and nothing shall offend them." That passage of God's word had a deeper meaning to her ever since she had a severe trial when the grace of meekness was tested to the uttermost.

Traveling on a railroad she was

TREATED ROUGHLY BY THE CONDUCTOR,

who required her to go into the smoking car. She had shown him her ticket, which entitled her to a seat in a first-class car. She said, "After leaving me, he sent a man to tell me I must go out of that car; and I said to him, 'I will wait until the conductor shall tell me to leave; he has seen my ticket, and I will stay here until he comes.' The report was given to the conductor, and immediately he came and seized me with great rudeness, and undertook to force me to leave the car. I told him that was unnecessary, I would go without force, and at once went into the smoking car. I thought it was very hard and cruel treatment; it hurt my feelings very much; but right away I began praying for the man, and kindest feeling toward him took possession of my heart; nothing like resentment was there; but pity and compaasion for the poor sinner, and earnest desire for his salvation. The peace of God did indeed keep my heart and mind in Christ Jesus. I felt calm and happy"



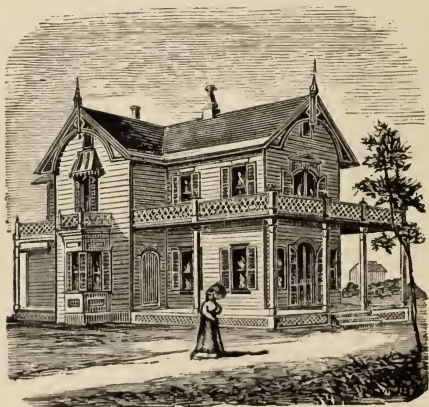






Sea Front Cottage.

Residence of MRS. E. SHERIDAN, Cor. of Main and Ocean Aves.



Superintendent's Cottage.

Residence of REV. H. B. BEEGLE, Supt. of Ocean Grove,  
Cor. of Main and Delaware Aves.

## AFTER CAMP-MEETING--OCEAN GROVE.

BY REV. E. H. STOKES.

Sing the Doxology, for God is good ;  
Sing the Doxology, for victories gained ;  
Sing the Doxology, for hell withstood,  
Sing the Doxology for faith maintained.

The harvest, now, and Summer, too, are past,  
The tents at Ocean Grove are taken down ;  
Hearts which were blended fondly to the last,  
Gone to their labor in the distant town.

Old Ocean's path still leads down to the sea—  
The path where many thousands daily trod ;  
But feet which pressed it gay or thoughtfully,  
Walk here no more—and some are now with God !

Here are the trees, which still are clasping hands :  
And here the seats—but eongregation gone ;  
And here the motto of our Cookman stands :  
And here the cross, the anchor, and the crown.

Here is the place where earnest men have stood,  
Preaching the Word with holiest acclaim ;  
Their steps have homeward turned—but, lo ! the good  
Which they achieved forever shall remain.

The songs of ransom'd hosts have died away ;  
The mighty prayer that touched the Throne above ;  
The voice of happy children in their play—  
The oft-told tale of Jesus and His love.

The fragile forms of youth and maidenhood,  
Gliding, like fairy elfs, in twilight gray,  
Whose voices echoed through the solemn wood,  
All, with a merry bound, have passed away.

The lake lies slumb'ring 'neath the moonlit sky,  
The boats are moored along the silent shore ;  
Down in the deep their darkened shadows lie,  
And hushed the sound of silver-dripping oar.

And yet the grand old ocean surges high,  
Lashing, or laving all the sunlit shore—  
Howling its dirges to the stormy sky,  
Or sobbing lullaby's forever more.

But when the ocean's surge shall beat no more,  
And all its ancient billows cease to roll,  
This song shall swell upon the eternal shore,  
“ Our God, at Ocean Grove, hath saved a soul

OCEAN GROVE, N. J.

# Lot and Cottage Holders at Ocean Grove, June, 1874.

The names marked thus \* indicate that persons have built upon their lots—but a simple count of those thus marked will not give the true number of buildings, for in some instances the same person, owning three, four or even five lots, has erected cottages on each.

Abbett, Leon.....	New York.	*Bruner, A.....	Columbia, Pa.
*Ashmore, Theo....	New Brunswick, N. J.	*Black, James.....	Lancaster, Pa.
Atkinson, Mary.....	Bridgeton, N. J.	*Brown, W. T.....	Hightstown, N. J.
Alvord, James R....	West Winstead, Conn.	Bottom, Rev. F.....	New York.
*Ashton, Joseph.....	Trenton, N. J.	Barnum, E. B.....	" "
Allen, Hannah W.....	Clarksburg, N. J.	Brown, Rev. J. E.....	" "
*Arndt, Rev. R. S.....	Newark, N. J.	Burtiss, W. J.....	Hightstown, N. J.
Atwood, Abigail.....	Trenton, N. J.	Ballantine, G. H.....	Frankford, Phila.
*Adams, Rev. B. M.....	Hempstead, L. I.	*Bowne, Ann Eliza.....	" "
*Ainsworth, William.....	Frankford, Phila.	Blair, Mary A.....	Philadelphia
*Abrams, Mary A.....	" "	Blauvelt, Rev. G. M.....	Tappan, N. Y.
*Andress, Joanna.....	Philadelphia, Pa.	Brown, Rev. G. F.....	Trenton, N. J.
Atwood, Rev. J.....	Trenton, N. J.	Bilbrough, Joseph.....	Frankford, Pa.
Applegate, C. H.....	New York.	Bull, James F.....	New York.
Andrews, Rev. R. J.....	Pemberton, N. J.	Barnum, Rev. F. S.....	Yonkers, N. Y.
Alday, Rev. J. H.....	Ocean Grove, N. J.	Bliss, Rev. G.....	Cleveland, O.
*Ashmead, Mary W.....	Camden, N. J.	*Boyle, Rev. W. E.....	Merchantville, N. J.
Anderson, C.....	Brooklyn, N. Y.	Burch, Rev. T. H.....	New York.
*Applegate, Rue.....	Ocean Grove, N. J.	*Briggs, M.....	" "
Brewster, Elizabeth.....	Newmarket, N. J.	*Boswell, Mary L.....	Philadelphia.
*Ballard, Rev. A. E.....	Long Branch, N. J.	Bomgardner, D. L.....	Beverly, N. J.
Bryan, Lydia M.....	Albany, N. Y.	*Beatty, Asher, .....	Nourseville, Pa.
Buck, Rev. D.....	Warwick, N. Y.	*Brown, D. M.....	Windor, N. J.
Beach, Mary J.....	New York.	Brown, Mary.....	Palatine, N. Y.
*Brown, Rev. H. M.	Long Branch, N. J.	Beach, Emma.....	Montgomery, N. Y.
*Brown, James.....	Philadelphia.	Bodfish, Abbie H.....	New Haven, Conn.
Brown, Caroline.....	Mattawan	Bodine, Maggie A.....	New York.
Benner, J. R.....	Brooklyn, N. Y.	*Benedict, H. W.....	New Haven, Conn.
Battershall, T. A.....	New York.	Bower, Ruth.....	Trenton, N. J.
Buralow, Susan.....	Oceanport, N. J.	Beach, W. H.....	New York.
*Brown, D. H.....	Brooklyn, N. Y.	Barlow, Lewis M.....	West Minden, Conn.
Burrows, Waters.....	Jersey City, N. J.	Bennett, William.....	Newark, N. J.
*Breck, Matilda W.....	Brooklyn, N. Y.	Babb, Barbara O.....	Reading, Pa.
*Burr, Rev. J. K.....	Madison, N. J.	Brown, Pierson.....	Brooklyn, N. Y.
*Browning, B. H.....	Camden, N. J.	Bartine, Sarah M.....	Harlem, N. Y.
Banks, Mary P.....	Pleasantville, N. Y.	Broadbent, Rev. G. S.....	Roxboro', Phila.
Barrett, I. M.....	Wilkesbarre, Pa.	*Brown, Warren.....	Mattawan, N. J.
Beagle, Rev. H. B.....	Ocean Grove, N. J.	Black, Eliza M.....	Lancaster, Pa.
*Brinck, P. C.....	Camden, N. J.	Bennett, J. W.....	Ocean Grove, N. J.
Burr, Rev. E. W.....	Jersey City, N. J.	Backus, Hannah M.....	Newark, N. J.
*Biles, Elizabeth.....	Trenton, N. J.	Cockefair Ella.....	Moorestown, N. J.
Brown, Eliza.....	Philadelphia.	Chadwick, S. S.....	New Bedford, Mass.
Byram, A. J.....	Trenton, N. J.	Clark, Rev. Joseph.....	Mannahawkin, N. J.
Byram, W. B.....	" "	*Copeland, George.....	New York.
*Borden, Mrs. A. W.....	Jacobstown, N. J.	*Cottrell, Henry.....	Farmingdale.
*Brown, Henry S.....	Rochester, N. Y.	*Chattle, Eliz. W.....	Long Branch, N. J.
Brown, J. M.....	Jersey City, N. J.	Cheeseman, G. W.....	Birmingham, Conn.

Cary, W.....	Troy, N. Y.	Early, Aaron.....	Pemberton, N. J.
Cosad, Dr. J. W.....	Jersey City, N. J.	*Early Jacob.....	Hightstown, N. J.
*Cookman, Annie E.....	Philadelphia.	Edgar, S. T.....	Philadelphia.
Cooper, Magdalena.....	Freehold, N. J.	Eaton, Rev. H.....	Albany, N. Y.
Cookman, Rev. J. E.....	New York.	*Eakins, W. H.....	Philadelphia.
*Clark, James H.....	Trenton, N. J.	Eldridge, G. W.....	Hightstown, N. J.
*Closson, Emeline.....	" "	Eaton, Rev. J. W.....	West Troy, N. Y.
*Coleman, Margaret G.....	Williamsport, Pa.	*Early, Mary G.....	Hightstown, N. J.
*Carver, S. W.....	Frankford, Phila.	*Fuller, W. J. A.....	New York.
*Castor, Thomas.....	" "	*Ferree, G. W.....	Philadelphia.
Cook, J. C.....	Trenton, N. J.	Finlaw, W. P.....	Bridgeton, N. J.
*Cooper, J. G.....	Freehold, N. J.	Finlaw, G. W.....	" "
Coward, C. I.....	Philadelphia.	*Ferry, A. E.....	" "
Chenoweth, A. C.....	Washington, D. C.	Foote, H. L.....	New York.
Carr, Maria.....	Mt. Holly, N. J.	*Friend, Mary E.....	Philadelphia.
Conkling, J. S.....	Passaic, N. J.	Fay, J. D.....	Eatontown, N. J.
*Coyle, Rev. J.....	Newark, N. J.	*Fliteroft, J. D.....	Farmingdale, N. J.
*Childs, Marilla W.....	Binghampton, N. Y.	Freeman, Mary.....	Bridgeport, Conn.
Clark, Mary E. Y.....	Trenton, N. J.	*Franklin, Mary A.....	Ocean Grove, N. J.
*Cheeseman, Ellen.....	Frankford, Philada.	*Franklin, Rev. W.....	South River, N. J.
Culver, B. F.....	Birmingham, Mass.	Foulks, Rev. J. B.....	Orange, N. J.
Colby, Charlotte S.....	Concord, N. H.	*Forst, D. P.....	Trenton, N. J.
Cline, Rev. P.....	Gloucester City, N. J.	*Fisher, G. M.....	" "
*Clayton, C. C.....	Freehold, N. J.	*Ferris, Anna J.....	Trenton, N. J.
Coffin, Eliza J.....	New York.	*Fisk, D. V.....	Hightstown, N. J.
Cannon, Anna C.....	" "	Falconer, J.....	New York.
Clark, Marvin.....	Camden, N. J.	France, Rev. H. S.....	Baltimore.
Conklin, J. W.....	Brooklyn, N. Y.	France, Rev. J.....	" "
Caswell, Edwin.....	Illion, N. Y.	*Fielder, J. W.....	Brooklyn, N. Y.
Chew, Rev. S. N.....	Reading, Pa.	Flatt, W. H.....	Rahway, N. J.
Craig, Rev. R. H.....	Otisville, N. Y.	*Fielding, Robert.....	New York.
*Cox, Mary A.....	Cranberry, N. J.	*Fielding, George.....	" "
*Daniels, Rev. J. R.....	Dover, N. J.	*Grigg, G.....	New Brunswick, N. J.
*Davison, Mary B.....	Trenton, N. J.	Goodall, S.....	Philadelphia.
*Dickey, T. M.....	Rutherford Park, N. J.	Graham, J. R.....	Bridgeton, N. J.
*Darrah, J. E.....	Trenton, N. J.	Gillespie, W. W.....	Trenton, N. J.
*Davies, Thomas.....	New York.	Gracey, Rev. S. L.....	Pawtucket, R. I.
*Duffield, Emma.....	Philadelphia.	Glover, Rev. C. E.....	Brooklyn, N. Y.
*Davies Hannah.....	New York.	Garden, Mary.....	Philadelphia.
*Dalton, William.....	Trenton, N. J.	*Godfrey, Matilda.....	Ocean Grove, N. J.
Day, Rev. E. A.....	Jersey City, N. J.	*Godfrey, T. A.....	" "
*Dungan, J. H.....	Philadelphia.	*Greenbank, J.....	New Brunswick, N. J.
Deitz, W. H.....	" "	Greenbank, Rev. W. E.....	Winslow, N. J.
*Dickerson, Rev. J.....	" "	Greenbank, Elizabeth.....	Philadelphia.
Danser, Christianna.....	Windsor, N. J.	Gilbert, A. H.....	Derby, Conn.
*Dobbins, Rev. J. B.....	Lancaster, Pa.	Gaelbagh, Harriet.....	Lancaster, Pa.
Deitz, Martha J.....	Lyons, N. Y.	Gray, Rev. E. S.....	Baltimore, Md.
*Dyer, Clara N.....	Brooklyn, N. Y.	Gibson, Tom.....	New York.
Darvies, Mary E.....	Newark, N. J.	*Gardner Calvin.....	Ocean Grove, N. J.
*Develin, James.....	Philadelphia.	Hoag, R. T.....	Albany, N. Y.
*Dey, I. M.....	Ocean Grove, N. J.	*Hayward, Mrs. J. K.....	New York.
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Dey Enoch.....	Hightstown, N. J.	Hurley, Austin.....	Farmingdale, N. J.
Dodge, Harriet.....	Otisville, N. Y.	Hurley, Hugh.....	" "
Dumont, R. S.....	Albany, N. Y.	*Hibbs, Everline.....	Brooklyn, N. Y.
Douglass, W. B.....	Newark, N. J.	Hewitt, Rev. E.....	Mount Holly, N. J.
*Davison, John.....	Swedesboro, N. J.	Howland, Cook.....	Shark River, N. J.
Dunham, Phebe K.....	Elizabeth, N. J.	Huking, L. J.....	New York.
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 Hallowell, J. E.....Philadelphia.  
 \*Howland, C. E.....Ocean Grove.  
 Hillman, J.....Troy, N. Y.  
 \*Hughes, Rev. G.....Philadelphia.  
 Hayter, Rev. H. J.....New Springville, N. Y.  
 Harcourt, Rev. R.....Elizabeth, N. J.  
 \*Hostetter, D.....Lancaster, Pa.  
 Hanlon, Rev. Thomas.....Trenton, N. J.  
 \*Hutchinson, C. M....." "  
 Hardy, J. A.....New York.  
 \*Hays, Henrietta H.....Newark, N. J.  
 \*Higley, A. H.....New York.  
 Hoe, Mary Emma....." "  
 Harreys, Josephine T.....Brooklyn, N. Y.  
 Hays, Harriet S.....Wilmington, Del.  
 \*Hulse, R.....Freehold, N. J.  
 \*Hughes, Smith E.....Germantown, Pa.  
 Herbert, Mary E.....Frankford, Phila.  
 Hammond, Rev. S. M.....Freeport, L. I.  
 \*Hamilton, G. J.....New York.  
 Holmes, Jennie.....Yonkers, N. Y.  
 Haddock & Son.....Philadelphia.  
 Hawkshurst, Rev. P.....Hudson, N. Y.  
 Hawkshurst, Rev. J. H.....Amenia, N. Y.  
 \*Heisley, Rev. C. W.....New Brunswick, N. J.  
 Heidenmonk, Cecelia.....New York.  
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 \*Halfman, Barbary A.....Philadelphia.  
 \*Heritage, J. D.....Philadelphia.  
 Howe, Rev. J. M.....Passaic, N. J.  
 \*Hulse, Margaret.....Freehold, N. J.  
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 \*Harper, Mary A.....Philadelphia.  
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 Humphreys, Rev. R. W....." "  
 Heisler, Rev. J. S.....Bridgeton, N. J.  
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 \*James, David.....Philadelphia.  
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 Jenks, A. S....." "  
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 \*Jimeson, C. W.....New York.  
 Johnson, Mary F.....Trenton, N. J.  
 \*James, Mary D....." "  
 \*Jaquett, Rev. S.....Ocean Grove.  
 \*Johnson, Jonathan.....Paterson, N. J.  
 Johnson, Sarah.....Sandy Hook.  
 Jimeson, Martin V.....Trenton, N. J.  
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 \*Jackson, Thomas.....Blue Ball, N. J.  
 James, Rev. J. H.....Stafford Springs, Mass.  
 Johnson, W. C.....Guthriesville, Pa.  
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 \*Jones, S. D.....Newark, N. J.  
 Kingsbury, Rev. J. A.....Perth Amboy, N. J.  
 Kendrick, Louisa E.....Trenton, N. J.  
 Ketcham, S.....Farmingdale, N. J.  
 Kyte, Peter.....Trenton, N. J.  
 Kenny, Rev. E.....Bethel, Md.  
 King, Rev. I. D.....Red Bank, N. J.  
 Kerr, Hermina.....Philadelphia.  
 Katzenbach, G.....Trenton, N. J.  
 Kidder, Rev. D. P.....Madison, N. J.  
 \*Kennedy, Alex. C.....Philadelphia.  
 Little, Rev. C. E.....Newark, N. J.  
 \*Lazear, S. T.....Warwick, N. Y.  
 \*Lawrence, Mrs. R. V.....Ocean Grove.  
 Lippincott, Wm.....Philadelphia.  
 Lawrence, Ednetta.....Trenton, N. J.  
 Lindsley, J. G.....Rondout, N. Y.  
 Lafetra, Emma H.....Eatontown, N. J.  
 Lord, W.....Newark, N. J.  
 Lazear, Minerva.....Chicago  
 Lewis, Mrs. Rev. T. W.....Wilbraham, Mass.  
 Landon, G.....Harlem, N. Y.  
 Landon, Rev. T. H.....Rahway, N. J.  
 Lindsley, J. W.....Trenton, N. J.  
 \*Lord, E. H....." "  
 \*Lillagore, T. W.....Philadelphia.  
 Lawrence, Henry C....." "  
 Lindsley, Sarah.....Trenton, N. J.  
 \*Lyford, J.....Ocean Grove.  
 Lambourn, Emma.....Manhattanville, N. Y.  
 \*Lord, Mary C.....Trenton, N. J.  
 \*Liming, Lewis.....Ocean Grove.  
 \*Moore, Rev. James.....Mauricetown, N. J.  
 Malocsay, Francis.....New York.  
 \*Mc Kee, Sarah E.....Philadelphia.  
 \*Matthews, W. G....." "  
 Matthews, Wm....." "  
 Morris, Rev. G. K.....Camden, N. J.  
 \*Marden, Rev. C. P.....Philadelphia.  
 McClure, Thos.....Brandywine, Pa.  
 McGill, Caroline M.....Long Branch, N. J.  
 \*Myers, W. L.....Philadelphia.  
 Martin, J. P.....Shark River, N. J.  
 \*Mann, A.....Orange, N. J.  
 Martin, Mary M.....Lancaster, Pa.  
 McClellan, R. W.....Philadelphia.  
 Marsh, C.....Princeton, N. J.  
 Murray, Maggie E.....Lancaster, Pa.  
 \*Myers, S. M....." "  
 \*McPherson, J.....Trenton, N. J.  
 Maps, W. R.....Long Branch, N. J.  
 Manning, R. S.....Trenton, N. J.  
 McDaniels, D.....Wilmington, Del.



McCauley, Sybilla.....	"	"	*Platt, Rev. S. H.....	Brooklyn, N. Y.
Moody, W.....	Philadelphia.		Perrins, T.....	Philadelphia.
Mulford, Mary A.....	Wilkesbarre, Pa.		Potter, Miss E. A.....	"
*McLean, Alex.....	New York.		*Perigo, Alfred.....	New York.
*McKnight, James.....	Reading, Pa.		Perigo, Ira K.....	"
Morrow, G. T.....	Brooklyn.		Price, Thomas.....	Philadelphia.
*Murphy, Sarah A.....	New York.		Parks, S.....	Troy, N. Y.
*Morrison, Elizabeth.....	Hightstown, N. J.		*Peacock, Joshua.....	Camden, N. J.
*Morrison, Maggie.....	"		*Phillips, J.....	Sharpsville, Pa.
*Murphy, H. W.....	Freehold, N. J.		*Phillips, W.....	Newton, N. J.
Manning, Harriet E.....	Buffalo, N. Y.		Pegg, Rev. J.....	Norwalk, Conn.
McIntyre, Rev. A.....	Ellenville, N. Y.		Post, S. R.....	New York.
Morrison, S. D.....	West Point, N. Y.		Pearne, Rev. W. H.....	Salem, N. J.
McComas, N.....	Doylstown, Pa.		*Pullen, E.....	Trenton, N. J.
Moffett, Rev. W. W.....	Vineland, N. J.		*Phelps, Rev. J. S.....	Camden, N. J.
*Miller, R. G.....	New Brunswick, N. J.		Peck, Mrs. Mary M.....	Newark, N. J.
McCurdy, I.....	Brooklyn.		*Patterson, A. H.....	Turkey, N. J.
*Mead, A. H.....	Camden, N. J.		Post, M. H.....	Wilkesbarre, Pa.
*Maddock, Rev. G. C.....	Bordentown, N. J.		*Potts, W. A.....	Baltimore.
McClain, O. D.....	New York.		Porter, Rev. J. W.....	Phoenixville, Pa.
Miller, Fanny.....	Philadelphia.		Pepper, Rev. E. I. D.....	Philadelphia.
More, H. P.....	Hartford, Conn.		Packard, Mrs. Celinda.....	New York.
*Morrison, Robert.....	New York.		*Pearce, T. C.....	Highstown, N. J.
Morton, Mary J.....	Trenton, N. J.		Parker, Joel, Gov. N. J.....	Freehold, N. J.
Morehouse, Rev. G. C.	Mechanicsville, N. Y.		Relyea, Rev. M.....	Pennington, N. J.
*McCall, Lavinia.....	Ocean Grove, N. J.		*Reese, Mary A.....	New York.
Mead, Rev. M. B.....	Lansingburgh, N. Y.		Rogers, E. J.....	Red Bank, N. J.
Metcalf, A. R.....	Keene, N. H.		Risdon, Mary B.....	Mt. Holly, N. J.
Maynard, F. H.....	Providence, R. I.		Rusling, J. F.....	Trenton, N. J.
Maynard, Sophia E.....	"		*Rogers, Stephen.....	Passaic, N. J.
Morris, Wesley K.....	Farmingdale, N. J.		Ryman, Rev. C.....	Nestfield, N. J.
Mullock, Emeline.....	Otisville, N. Y.		Remington, E. ....	Illion, N. J.
*McKnight, Andora E.....	Reading, Pa.		Robinson, J. H.....	Trenton, N. J.
McDougall, Jennie C.....	Atlantic City, N. J.		Rule George .....	New Brunswick, N. J.
*McCall, J.....	Ocean Grove, N. J.		Rue, Ed.....	Burlington, N. J.
*McKay, Stephen.....	"		Rumsey, J. M.....	Portsmouth, O.
McBride, Rev. H. C.....	Frenchtown, N. J.		Rumsey, G. A.....	Salem, N. J.
*Newton, R. N.....	Albany.		*Runyon, J.....	New Brunswick, N. J.
*Newell, Elizabeth.....	New Brunswick, N. J.		Rainer, Lewis.....	Ocean Grove, N. J.
*Newell, A. D.....	"		Renohl, Kate A.....	"
Oldknow, Kate.....	Philadelphia.		Robinson, Rev. W. C.....	Philadelphia.
*Osborn, Rev. W. B.....	Atlanta, Ga.		Rumsey, Henry M.....	Salem, N. J.
*Osborn, Sarah .....	New York.		Reed, Rev. J. J.....	Port Richmond, S. I.
*Osborn, Sarah A.....	"		*Rogers, Charles.....	Ocean Grove, N. J.
*Outcalt, R. A.....	Camden, N. J.		*Rogers, Susan A.....	"
Oakey, J.....	New York.		Rusling, Sarah A.....	Trenton, N. J.
Orelup, J.....	Troy, N. Y.		Rulon, Jane.....	Allentown, N. J.
Orr, Rev. R. T. X.....	Philadelphia.		*Rogers, Eliz. D .....	Ocean Grove, N. J.
*Ocean Grove Camp Meeting Association.			*Reed, Aron.....	"
Grove Cottage, with other buildings,			Stewart Caroline.....	New Brunswick, N. J.
near entrance.			Stewart, Mary J.....	"
General Store Building (Jemison's).			*Shrady, Jacob.....	New York.
Association Office.			*Shrady, William.....	"
Post Office.			Shrady, John.....	"
Ice House.			Saunders, G. B.....	Rahway, N. J.
Summer Houses on the Beach.			Scott, W. E.....	Brooklyn, N. Y.
General Storage House.			*Scott, William.....	"
Tent House.			Stout, R. T .....	Farmingdale, N. J.
2 Cottages.			*Solger, Anna B.....	Trenton, N. J.
Superintendent's Cottage, &c.			*Stephenson, Catharine.....	Brooklyn, N. Y.
			*Slocum, Eliz.....	Long Branch.

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*Shaw, Harriet J.....	New York.	*Thompson, T.....	Ocean Grove, N. J.
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Warner, Cath.....	Reading, Pa.	*Yard, Margaret M.....	" "
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# Charter & By-Laws of the Ocean Grove Camp-Meeting Assoc'n.

## OF THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

RECOGNIZING the truth and beauty of the Scripture declaration, "The earth is the Lord's, and the fullness thereof";

And being especially impressed with the propriety of having a portion of the land, skirting the sea, consecrated to sacred uses :

WE, whose names are hereunto annexed, with a single eye to the Divine glory, and in humble dependence upon our Heavenly Father's aid, do hereby solemnly covenant together to use certain land, which has been providentially committed to our trust, for these high and holy purposes.

And we further declare it to be our design to make this a *perpetual* oblation upon Christ's altar, enjoining its strict observance upon those who may succeed us. And to this end we mutually pledge our Christian honor, adopting the following as our Charter and By-Laws :

## CHARTER.

*An Act to Incorporate the Ocean Grove Camp-Meeting Association of the Methodist Episcopal Church.*

SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey, That Ellwood H. Stokes, Ruliff V. Lawrence, George Hughes, William B. Osborn, David H. Brown, John S. Inskip, William H. Boole, Benjamin M. Adams, Alfred Cookman, Adam Wallace, John H. Stockton, Aaron E. Ballard, William Franklin, Robert J. Andrews, Joseph H. Thornly, George W. Evans, Christopher Sickler, George Franklin, Samuel



T. Williams, William Manahan, John Martin, George W. Cheeseman, James Black, Oliver L. Gardner, Gardiner Howland, and William F. Jordan, and their successors, are hereby constituted a body, corporate and politic, under the name of "The Ocean Grove Camp-Meeting Association of the Methodist Episcopal Church," for the purpose of providing and maintaining, for the members and friends of the Methodist Episcopal Church, a proper, convenient and desirable permanent Camp-Meeting ground and Christian sea-side resort.

SECTION 2. And be it enacted, That it shall and may be lawful for said corporation to purchase and hold real and personal estate, and to acquire such lands in this State, in fee simple or otherwise, as they may deem necessary, proper or desirable for the purposes and objects of the corporation, and the same or any part thereof to dispose of in parcels or otherwise, or in fee simple or otherwise, on such terms, conditions, and restrictions, not repugnant to the laws of this State, or of the United States, as they may see fit.

SECTION 3. And be it enacted, That it shall be lawful for said corporation to construct and provide all necessary works to supply the said premises with water and artificial light, and to provide all other conveniences and make all other improvements which may be deemed necessary or desirable.

SECTION 4. And be it enacted, That the affairs of the said corporation shall be managed by twenty-six Trustees; the persons named in the first section of this Act shall be the first Trustees of said corporation, and shall hold their offices until others are chosen in their stead—they and their successors shall be and remain members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, in good and regular standing. Any Trustee dying, or ceasing to be a member of said Church, or being guilty of conduct deemed incompatible with the objects and purposes of the corporation, his place may be declared vacant, and a successor duly elected by a two-thirds vote, by ballot, of the remaining Trustees present at the regular annual meeting of the Association.

SECTION 5. And be it enacted. That said Board of Trustees shall from their own number elect a President, Secretary, and Treasurer annually, and may appoint any other officers of the corporation they may think proper, from time to time, and may pass and enforce such By-Laws as they may deem needful—provided that the same be not repugnant to the Constitution or laws of this State or of the United States.

SECTION 6. And be it enacted, That the real and personal property of said corporation (said property not to exceed in annual value five thousand dollars) shall be exempt from all assessment and taxation. Any surplus funds remaining to the corporation, after defraying the necessary expenses thereof, for improvements, or otherwise, shall be devoted to such charitable, benevolent or

religious objects or purposes, as may be agreed on by the said Board of Trustees at their regular annual meeting.

SECTION 7. And be it enacted, That said Trustees shall have power to appoint such peace officers as may be deemed necessary for the purpose of keeping order on the Camp-grounds and premises of the corporation, which officers shall be paid by said corporation for their services; but shall have, when on duty, the same power, authority, and immunities which constables and other peace-officers under the laws of this State possess or enjoy, when on duty as such, and they shall have power to enforce obedience on said grounds and premises to any rule or regulation of said Trustees for the preservation of quiet and good order. All the provisions of "An Act for Suppressing Vice and Immorality," revision approved April fifteenth, eighteen hundred and forty-six; and of "An Act to prevent the disturbance of meetings held for the purpose of religious worship," passed February second, eighteen hundred and twenty, shall apply to all meetings or gatherings held in pursuance of, and under the authority of the corporation hereby created, in all respects.

SECTION 8. And be it enacted, That the meetings and religious services held on said Camp ground and premises shall, at all times, be under the directions of a committee for that purpose, to be appointed by the said Board of Trustees at their regular annual meeting.

SECTION 9. And be it enacted, That this act shall be considered a public act, and shall take effect immediately.

*Approved, March 3, 1870.*

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I, HORACE N. CONGAR, Secretary of State of the State of New Jersey, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of an Act passed by the Legislature of this State, and approved by the Governor, the third day of March, A. D. 1870, as taken from and compared with the original, now on file in my office.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand, and affixed my official seal, this fourteenth day of March, eighteen hundred and seventy.

H. N. CONGAR.



## BY-LAWS.

### ARTICLE I—NAME.

This corporation shall be called The Ocean Grove Camp-Meeting Association of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

### ARTICLE II—OBJECTS.

The objects of this Association shall be to provide for the holding of Camp-Meetings for the promotion of Christian holiness rigidly excluding all forms of speculation; and to afford to those who would spend a few days or weeks at the sea-shore, an opportunity of doing so, at moderate cost, and free from the temptations to dissipation usually attendant on fashionable watering places.

### ARTICLE III—MEMBERS.

This Association shall be composed of those named in the Act of incorporation and their successors and associates when duly elected. They shall be members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, in good and regular standing. Any one dying or ceasing to be a member of the M. E. Church, or being guilty of conduct incompatible with the objects and purposes of the Association, his membership may be declared void, and one be elected in his stead by a two-thirds vote of the Association present at any regular meeting.

### ARTICLE IV—OFFICERS.

SECTION I. The Association, at its annual meeting, shall elect by ballot, a President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and five members, who together shall constitute an Executive Committee, having full power to act during the interim of the regular meetings, and shall hold their offices for one year and until successors are duly elected. All the vacancies in the Executive Committee occurring by death, resignation or otherwise, shall be filled by the remaining members. Four members shall constitute a quorum.

SECTION II. The President shall preside at all meetings of the Association and Executive Committee, sign all orders on the Treasurer, and present at the annual meeting a full report of the operations of the year. In the absence of the President, the Vice President shall perform his duties.

SECTION III. The Secretary shall keep a record of the proceedings of the Association and Executive Committee, in books provided for the purpose, give

due notice of the meetings, and countersign the orders on the Treasurer given by the President, and perform such other duties as may from time to time be required.

SECTION IV. The Treasurer shall have charge of all the funds of the Association, and shall disburse the same only on the order of the President, countersigned by the Secretary. He shall make a written report at the annual meeting, and oftener if required by the Executive Committee. He shall give bond, with security, when required.

SECTION V. The Executive Committee shall have the oversight of the affairs of the Association in the interim of its regular meetings, executing the orders of the Association; but shall not purchase, sell or mortgage lands, nor contract indebtedness not authorized exceeding the sum of one thousand dollars, without the concurrence of two-thirds of the Association present at a regular or called meeting. Full minutes of the proceedings of the Committee shall be kept, and laid before the Association at its meetings.

SECTION VI. The Executive Committee may appoint from their number, or from the Association, a Devotional and such Standing or Special Committees, from time to time, as may be found necessary.

SECTION VII. A Superintendent shall be elected at the annual or other meeting of the Association, or appointed by the Executive Committee, who shall have charge of the business interests of the Association, the care of its property, and the execution of the plans and orders of the Association or of the Executive Committee, employing all agents, sub-officers or laborers which may be found needful by the Executive Committee. He shall keep an account of all moneys received and disbursed by him, making full reports in writing monthly, and laying all bills contracted before the Executive Committee or President, with any recommendations which he may have to offer.

#### ARTICLE V—LOT-HOLDERS.

Lots may be leased for ninety-nine years, or less time, subject to renewal if none of the conditions have been violated, to parties who may be vouched for as of good moral character and in sympathy with the objects of this Association, approved by the President in writing, subject to such rules and regulations as may be adopted by the Association or Executive Committee, from time to time. All transfers of lots shall be subject to the approval of the President, written or endorsed on the lease, and shall be duly recorded on the Lot-Books of the Association. Lots shall only be used or occupied as private residences from the fifteenth day of May until the thirtieth day of October of each year, except in special cases for the general convenience, to be allowed in each case by the action of the Association or Executive Committee, under such rules and conditions as may generally or specially be prescribed.

## ARTICLE VI—MEETINGS.

SECTION I. The annual meeting of the Association shall be held on the second Tuesday of October in each year—and a semi-annual meeting on the second Tuesday in May. Eleven members shall constitute a quorum.

SECTION II. Special meetings of the Association may be held at the call of the President, or when requested by at least three members, upon the same notice to members which is required for the annual meeting.

SECTION III. The Camp-Meetings held under the auspices of this Association, shall be under the supervision of the Executive Committee: *provided*, that under no circumstances shall the grounds be open to the public on the Sabbath, nor shall any privileges be granted for any thing not deemed necessary by said Committee.

SECTION IV. Any officer absenting himself from two regular meetings of the Association or Executive Committee, his place may be declared vacant unless a valid excuse be rendered, and the vacancy filled by the Executive Committee until the next annual election.

SECTION V. Any member absenting himself from two regular meetings of the Association without valid excuse given, a vacancy may be declared, and his place filled.

## ARTICLE VII—ORDER OF BUSINESS.

At all the stated meetings, the order of business shall be—

1. Singing and Prayer.
2. Calling of the Roll.
3. Reading and Approving the Minutes of Previous Meetings.
4. Reports of Committees.
5. Reports from Officers.
6. Miscellaneous Business.
7. Prayer and Adjournment.

## ARTICLE VIII—AMENDMENTS.

These By-Laws may be altered or amended by a vote of three-fourths of the Association present at a stated meeting.



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## OCEAN GROVE CAMP GROUND,

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MAP OF NEW JERSEY,  
Showing the various Routes to Ocean Grove.

# CITY BY THE SEA.

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## FIFTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

PRESIDENT

OF

Ocean Grove Camp Meeting Assc'n.



"The Sea is in my song,  
Here hemmed in by the land ;  
And I play in its edge all day long—  
By night I walk its strand."

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# FIFTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE President of Ocean Grove Camp-Meeting Association.

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OCTOBER 13TH, 1874.

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To the Members of the Association :

DEAR BRETHREN :

With profound gratitude to the Giver of all good, I come before you at this time, with my Fifth Annual Report.

How wonderfully God has been with us during these first five years of our history. In the beginning, none of us, not even the most sanguine, dreamed that in so short a time we should have reached our present dimensions, or that our position would have been so commanding and influential. From a little, secluded handful, we have increased to multitudes, and our proceedings are watched with interest, and heralded to the world without delay.

These facts, while they elicit our gratitude, at the same time greatly increase our responsibility, so that what the projectors of this enterprise proposed to themselves in its organization, namely, a little summer rest and recreation, has become to them a place of anxiety and toil. We accept the situation, however, as our providential work, and propose to go forward in it, till God shall assign us to another field, assured that even labor is rest, if the work performed is in harmony with the divine will.

## THE SEASON JUST CLOSED

has been, perhaps, all things considered, one of the pleasantest of our history. A more general and heartily expressed approval of our work has been given, and many persons who were indifferent or opposed to us, have gone to their homes this year, deeply interested friends. Persons thus disarmed of prejudices, or awakened from indifference, as they go forth through the length and breadth of the land, become our best, because they are our living advertisers. And I am sure prejudice will everywhere be disarmed, and a greater or less degree of interest awakened, as our principles and policy become fully known. That our principles and policy have not been fully known or understood, is evident, and the world has been the slower to understand, because of our unlikeness to all other organizations ; so unlike them, indeed, that there was in many minds a lurking suspicion that what we declared as our governing principles were too good to be true, and that there must be,

beyond the simple idea of a benevolent work for the good of man and the glory of God, an underlying motive to enrich ourselves. Our single course through all this has been, however, greatly to my satisfaction, not to turn aside to answer these insinuations, but to go steadily forward in our God-appointed mission, and let our works speak for themselves.

The result is, as we are becoming understood, our plans are all the more appreciated and approved. So let us ever do, and God, as now, will at the close of life surely approve the work to which we have set our hands.

It is now proper that I call your attention to

#### WHAT HAS BEEN ACCOMPLISHED DURING THE YEAR.

That which is most prominent, and which has received universal commendation is the removal of the Association store, occupied by Mr. Jemison, from Pilgrim Pathway to Pitman Avenue, and also Mr. Jemison's boarding house, from near the congregation grounds, to corner of Pitman and Central Avenues. Likewise, the removal of all our lumber, oil, and gas houses from near the rear of the stand, to Pilgrim Pathway, in rear of the Pitman House, with a good enclosure, which not only protects but screens all that was offensive in them from public view.

The removal of these incumbrances gave opportunity for the leveling of the sand-banks, known on our first maps as "Sea-drift Heights," and also of straightening Pilgrim Pathway; thus adding greatly to the appearance and comfort of the locality, and giving us some of our most beautiful tenting grounds, besides placing beyond the hearing of the congregation the noise and confusion of store and boarding house, which facts alone almost compensate for all the cost and labor of removing. And when the same line of drifts, north of Ocean Pathway, shall be leveled, as is anticipated, the improvement will be beyond all estimate.

The sand-drifts have likewise been removed along the beach, on the line of Ocean Avenue, from Wesley to Fletcher Lakes, excepting a short distance immediately south of Ocean Pathway, which only remains for the purpose of filling the great opening from which many thousand loads of clay have been taken for making our walks and avenues. When the clay from this deposit shall have been exhausted, the remaining sand-banks will be dumped into that excavation, and the whole front will present a beautifully even line, so unlike the original appearance that those who do not visit us every year, when they return will scarcely know the place.

#### DRAINAGE.

The unusually heavy fall of rain during the summer of 1873, made it necessary to look at the question of drainage. Usually, the water is speedily absorbed by the the porous soil, but at that time the numerous

pools and ponds showed the necessity for a systematic arrangement for carrying it away. In accordance with this necessity, the topography of the ground outside of the Grove was studied, and from this survey a system of drainage was established.

The avenues in this part of the ground, extending from Central to Ocean, and from Main to Wesley Lake, have been graded according to this system; and not only will all surplus water by this means be carried away, but the improvement adds greatly to the beauty of the place. The same work has been entered upon south of Main Avenue and in the grove, and will be carried forward as fast as time and means allow. Three-fourths of Broadway is graded on this scale, and when completed will make one of our finest thoroughfares.

#### GRADING.

The grading of the avenues rendered necessary to carry away the water in time of rains, left many lots between Beach and Ocean Avenues much below the sidewalks and streets, making it very desirable for convenience and appearance that they be filled up. This can be done much cheaper now than at any other time, as we are moving dirt, and when it is on the wagon, will cost but little to carry it further and dump it on a lot. But when the sand-hills are all removed, dirt for filling lots can only be had outside of the Association grounds. It will be seen, therefore, how much greater the expense of filling will be when the dirt must be bought and hauled three or four times as far as is now necessary. Quite a number of persons have ordered their lots filled, and directed their bills to be sent to them. It would be wise for all to do so.

#### CURBING.

From the crumbling character of the soil outside of the Grove, it became evident that the sidewalks could not be kept in proper condition, without curbing. A plan has been devised, having the merit of cheapness and considerable durability. It is to set in small posts along the edge of sidewalks, and to them spike a plank two inches thick and one foot wide. The materials are purchased at a cost of ten cents per foot, running measure, and for the front of an ordinary lot costs only three dollars.

#### ICE HOUSE.

A most important work has been accomplished during the year, in removing the old ice house from the grounds on Whitefield Avenue, north of Main, opposite "Grove Cottage," the vast excavation nearly filled up, and a substantial building for holding ice erected on Fletcher Lake, in the grove and out of sight. So well has the work been done that although, owing to the scarcity of ice last winter, it was not half filled, yet

so perfectly has it kept, that after serving all our customers, inside and outside of the Grove, during the past summer, if the ice crop should be a perfect failure this winter, we have enough left over to meet the demands of next summer.

To create a lake of fresh water for procuring ice, Fletcher Lake was dammed at its foot, thus serving the triple purpose of keeping the salt water out and the fresh water in, and also rendering the lake much better for boating and pleasure purposes generally.

From this lake the ice is gathered with ease, thus saving in the cost of hauling alone from Sunset Lake, a distance of over a mile, where we had to buy the ice, nearly if not quite all the interest on \$4,000 invested in the new building.

### THE SUMMER HOUSES

at the foot of Ocean Pathway and Sea-View Avenue, have been enlarged, made more comfortable, seated and painted, and are very much improved in appearance and comfort.

The summer house that was in the rear of Rev. G. Hughes' cottage, on Central Avenue, has been removed to Fairy Island, painted and beautified, and makes that part of our grounds much more attractive. A nicely constructed rustic bridge will next year connect that island with the main land. The sand-bank on Central Avenue, where this structure formerly stood, has been leveled, and the general appearance much improved. A nice summer house has likewise been erected on Ocean Pathway, at the pump, not far from the Beach, which is a convenience and a beauty. A rustic summer house has also been placed in Greenleaf Park, by the kindness of Mr. Wyckoff.



WESLEY LAKE

has been dammed at its foot, which served to hold the water during the entire season, and is believed to be a permanent arrangement. The waters



of this lake, though the summer was remarkably dry, were never in better or more healthy condition, and have been enjoyed by many thousands of people, both young and old. The Association may congratulate itself on being able to hold these waters from breaking out at such times as greatly intercepts the pleasure of our people. The cost of this improvement has been borne alike by Mr. Bradley and Ocean Grove. A pleasant plank foot-way has been placed, by the same parties, across the foot of the Lake, immediately outside of the dam, greatly to the comfort of pedestrians.



### THE ENTRANCE TO OUR GROUNDS,

just outside the gate at Main Avenue, has been greatly improved by grading, and the large unsightly space, caused by the curving of our fence, thrown into a triangular mound, sodded, and otherwise beautified, which makes an agreeable impression at the first approach to our premises. At the commencement of the season this was very handsome, but the excessive and long-continued dry weather greatly marred its beauty.

Grove Cottage has had an addition to its kitchen, at a cost of about \$100.00.

A beautiful iron fence has been placed around the Superintendent's Cottage, costing about \$300.00.

### THE CONGREGATION GROUNDS

and the tabernacle have been re-seated, the first with park settees, 150 of which were purchased of the Pitman Grove Association, the balance were made by ourselves, from materials on hand. We need a still larger number to accommodate our people. Those in the tabernacle are all of our construction, and with a better foundation for them to rest on, which can be supplied another year, these seats give great satisfaction. In the tabernacle a permanent stand has been erected, every other seat has

reversible backs, and other arrangements for our large and very interesting summer Sabbath-school. A new and fine toned bell, weighing 600 lbs., costing, as it hangs in its place above the stand, \$250.00, has been purchased of Jones & Co., Troy, New York, and gives full satisfaction.

An altar was constructed around the stand in front, which was found of great service.

The Executive Committee ordered, and succeeded in purchasing the cottage and lot corner Asbury and New York Avenues, which was unsightly and offensive. They paid \$750.00 for it. Moved the cottage to Heck Avenue, near Pennsylvania, on one of our own lots, and sold it for \$650.00. So relieving the corner at Asbury and New York Avenues from its offensiveness, and retaining it for tenting purposes.

One hundred and fifty feet of gas pipe have been laid during the year.

#### PRESENT INDEBTEDNESS.

The Chas. Rogers mortgage has been reduced to \$6,000, which is the total amount of indebtedness held against Ocean Grove Camp Meeting Association, at this date.

#### DECEASED MEMBERS.

You see hanging upon the walls of the room in which we meet, beautiful pictures of our three departed brethern, Cookman, Lawrence and Franklin. As works of art they need no commendation from me, they speak for themselves, and will serve to remind us of the pure lives and valuable services of these departed men. They cost as they hang, \$20.00 each, \$60.00 in all—beautiful, appropriate, yet cheap memorials of departed worth. When our beloved brethern die, it is as little as we can do to place their likenesses as mementoes upon our walls.

#### OCEAN GROVE LITERATURE.

In May last we issued the fifth number of our "Ocean Grove" paper. The edition consisted of 10,000 copies, and was the handsomest sheet yet published by us. These papers, which have been widely circulated, greatly increase the interest in our grounds, and are doubtless the best, and by far the cheapest method of advertising yet resorted to. Immediately after this we turned our attention to the "Ocean Grove" pamphlet, ordered by the last Annual Meeting. This pamphlet consists of about 100 pages, illustrations and all. It contains the four Annual Reports of the President, somewhat abridged, with other interesting Ocean Grove matter. 2,000 copies were printed, and have been partially circulated. I am happy to know that this pamphlet, which was a source of a good deal of labor and anxiety to me, meets with the approval of the brethern, and has gone far to unburden many minds as to the internal workings of the Association. Means ought to be adopted for its much more general circulation.

In addition to these, our friend and Bro. W. C. Bakes, of Philadelphia, published in neat pamphlet form a very full directory of Ocean Grove,

which proved a great convenience to the people ; and also, during the progress of the camp meeting, two numbers of the "Ocean Grove Bulletin," giving full accounts of the camp meeting services, and other items of interest.



Having thus noticed the principal improvements of the year, allow me to call your attention to the following Inventory of property, and other statements made by the Superintendent to me, Oct. 1st, 1874.

### Inventory of Association Property and other Statements.

MADE OCTOBER 1, 1874.

Preaching Stand.....	\$1,000 00	Platform in Tabernacle.....	30 00
Store .....	4,500 00	Stoves.....	40 00
Grove Cottage.....	4,000 00	Ropes.....	20 00
As. Office and Post Office.....	2,000 00	Bell.....	250 00
Barn and Wagon Sheds.....	800 00	Cedar Poles.....	250 00
Summer Houses.....	1,000 00	Tent Pins.....	50 00
Ice House.....	4,000 00	Oil Cans, 3.....	50 00
Tent House.....	250 00	Tile and Pipe.....	50 00
Oil House and Gas House.....	300 00	Earth Closets.....	40 00
Platform and Depot.....	300 00	Iron Bedsteads.....	12 00
Cottage for Foreman.....	1,500 00	Chains.....	20 00
Superintendent's House.....	3,200 00	2 Tables.....	10 00
Storage House.....	700 00	Tent Furniture.....	14 00
Privies .....	1,800 00	Clock.....	8 00
Bath Houses.....	200 00	Bible and Hymn Book.....	14 00
Flag Staff and Flag.....	250 00	Fences.....	700 00
Lumber.....	3,415 76	Telegraph Poles.....	25 00
Tools .....	105 25	Turnpike Stock.....	500 00
Team Horses.....	400 00	Charcoal, 10 bbls.....	5 00
Harness.....	200 00	Gas Apparatus.....	1,700 00
Farm Wagon, Hack, Carriage,		Sprinkler.....	100 00
Ice Wagon, Cart, 1 Horse		Benches, (all sizes).....	50 00
Wagon, Sled.....	500 00	Tables, (all kinds).....	50 00
Lamps, 160.....	660 00	Bunks, 375.....	750 00
Boats, 26.....	600 00	3 Bbls. Naptha.....	35 00
Pumps, 22.....	650 00	Copying Press.....	8 00
Tents, 262 .....	10,221 00	Furniture in Grove Cottage....	500 00
Tent Poles.....	500 00	Fence around Supt's House.....	300 00
Office Furniture.....	777 43	Organ.....	100 00
Settees for Stand.....	125 00	Rail Road Bonds.....	5,500 09
Park Settees, 150 \$5.00.....	750 00		
Plank " 107 4.00.....	428 00	Total.....	\$56,313 44

## SCHEDULE OF LABOR

For the past year, showing the number of men and teams employed each month, together with the number of days' work by each, and the amount paid for such service, including that paid to foreman and superintendent :

	Men.	Days.	Teams.	Days.	
October, 1873	23	472 $\frac{3}{4}$	13	243 $\frac{1}{4}$	\$1,747 83
November, "	33	515 $\frac{1}{2}$	21	267 $\frac{1}{2}$	1,727 09
December, "	37	593 $\frac{3}{4}$	18	278 $\frac{1}{4}$	1,823 19
January, 1874	36	444 $\frac{3}{4}$	18	190 $\frac{1}{2}$	1,426 90
February, "	34	457	12	81	1,014 52
March, "	29	475	19	278 $\frac{1}{2}$	1,607 52
April, "	37	499 $\frac{1}{2}$	31	304 $\frac{1}{4}$	1,780 71
May, "	39	647 $\frac{1}{4}$	30	507 $\frac{3}{4}$	2,624 79
June, "	38	551 $\frac{3}{4}$	22	376 $\frac{1}{4}$	2,293 07
July, "	33	766 $\frac{1}{4}$	13	268 $\frac{1}{4}$	2,286 57
August, "	35	727 $\frac{1}{4}$	12	147	2,137 78
September, "	27	391 $\frac{1}{4}$	8	67 $\frac{1}{2}$	1,024 17
Total,		6,542		3,010	21,494 14
Previous year,		4,432		866	11,444 34
Increase,		2,110		2,144	10,049 80

## POLICE.

The police force consisted of men mainly selected from the workmen who were found most intelligent and best adapted to the duties required of them. A large part of the time they were employed in labor as well as police. Aside from their labor, the force cost, together with the constable, the sum of \$697.50. Previous year, \$700—decrease, \$2.50.

## WORK DURING THE YEAR.

The work done during the past year, aside from putting up and taking down tents, and taking care of the lumber, has been principally leveling the sand-hills along the ocean front, claying Ocean Avenue, grading a large part of the other avenues on the beach, and claying Olin Street and part of Central Avenue; removing Sea-drift Heights; filling and raising the low ground on Ocean Pathway; grading Asbury Avenue; curbing and making sidewalks; opening avenues in the grove; building dams across the lakes; building ice-house; fixing entrance to the grounds at the head of Main Avenue; filling lots for lot owners. Besides this, there has been a large amount of miscellaneous work, of which no special mention can be made.

The cost of removing garbage may be aggregated at \$310.00; previous year, \$221.00—increase this year, \$89.00.

## COST OF HORSES.

Hay and feed during the year has cost \$445.33; previous year \$443.72. Increase, \$1.61.



## PUMPS.

There are 22 pumps, estimated at \$30 each ; increase over last year, 1.

## SIDE-WALKS.

The Association has about 25,000 feet of side-walks, most of which are in pretty good condition.

## BOATS.

The number owned by the Association is 26, valued at \$600.00.

Rentals for 1874, \$196.50 ; for 1873, \$238.50. Decrease, \$42.00.

This decrease grows out of the fact, probably, that so large a number of the people now have boats of their own.

## LAMPS.

The Association has now on hand 160 lamps of all kinds. There were reported last year 135, and 40 new ones have been bought this year, at a cost of \$156.00. It would seem, from these figures, that the number of lamps exploded and worn out during the year, was 15. The present value of lamps is estimated at \$660.00.

## TOOLS.

Our tools, consisting of shovels, spades, hoes, rakes, axes, picks, forks, scythes, grindstone, maul, plough, roller, hoe and axe-handles, wheelbarrows, &c., are estimated at \$105.25 ; the ice-tools at \$100.00.

## POST-OFFICE.

Receipts this year.....	\$1,563 42
“ last year.....	961 05
Increase.....	602 37
Letters sent this year .....	40,264
“ “ last year.....	30,661
Increase .....	9,603

## TELEGRAMS.

Sent this year.....	1,352
“ last year.....	1,121
Increase.. .....	231

## VISITORS.

It is estimated that not less than forty thousand persons visited the grounds during the past season.

## PRIVILEGES.

Receipts from various privileges, \$2,378.89.

Yet due the Association for privileges, \$1,369.00.



## LOTS.

There are now belonging to the Association, lots surveyed and unsold, 395. Many of these lots are well located, and very desirable.

The above estimate does not include the lots *north* of Main Avenue, and lying between Pilgrim Pathway and Central Avenue.

## LOTS SOLD.

There have been sold during the past year 108 lots, for \$27,679.00.

Receipts from sale of lots, (including some sold last year,) \$28,831.98.

## RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES.

Receipts from all sources during the Year.....	\$54,553 47
Expended for all purposes during the Year.....	49,786 17
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Balance on hand.....	\$4,767 30
Due the Association from various sources, about.....	5,000 00

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RELIGIOUS INTERESTS.

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I now refer you to some things more directly spiritual in their character.

On the 15th of July, the second "Union Convention for the promotion of Holiness" commenced at Ocean Grove. It was a good meeting, and well attended. There was, however, during its progress, the outcroppings of some errors, which the Executive Committee in charge of the Convention industriously labored to suppress, and largely succeeded. Still it so lingered as to show an unwillingness to entirely quit the field. As the matter was noticed in the public papers, and we, as an Association, were charged, not perhaps with fostering, but with a failure to rebuke it—and as we were suffering by these imputations, we felt called upon to so right ourselves on this question that there might be no misapprehension in the future as to our views; we accordingly published the following

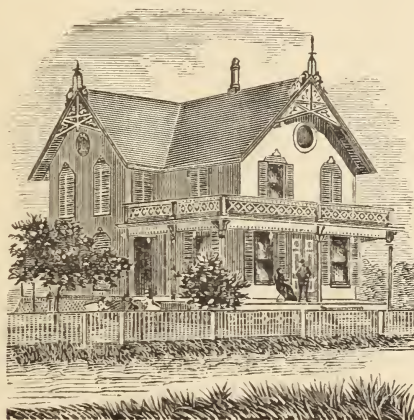
## PROCLAMATION.

The Ocean Grove Camp-Meeting Association of the Methodist Episcopal Church hereby proclaims through its Executive Committee, to this congregation, and to all people, that the great and only object of its organization was to provide for the holding of camp-meetings for the promotion of Christian holiness, through faith in Jesus Christ, as taught in the Holy Scriptures, and to afford those who would spend a few days or weeks at the sea-side, an opportunity of doing so at moderate cost, and free from the temptations to dissipation usually attendant on fashionable watering-places; and deeply solicitous for the glory of God, and the best interests of immortal souls, we furthermore declare that we have no sympathy for, or fellowship with that strange and fanatical doctrine and practice, which claims to impart the Holy Ghost by the laying on of human hands, which has, by a *few outside* and irresponsible persons, been

surreptitiously, and greatly to our regret, introduced into this place. And still further, while we rejoice to number among our citizens and visitors nearly all denominations and creeds, and cheerfully accord to them the largest liberty in the exercise of their godly judgment and enlightened christian conscience, yet at the same time we do here and now most positively proclaim, that we will promptly suppress whatever in our christian judgment tends to error in doctrine and fanaticism in practice, and that the error specifically referred to in this paper must forthwith cease upon these grounds.

This paper was signed by all of the Executive Committee.

Our position, thus clearly defined, gave great relief to many burdened friends, and satisfaction to all excepting those immediately involved.— Still, the matter died reluctantly, and whether the end is yet, remains to be seen.



#### CAMP MEETING.

On the 14th of August our Fifth Annual Camp Meeting commenced. The attendance was larger than at any previous meeting, the weather most of the time delicious, and the order perfect. Twenty-six sermons were preached by ministers from New Jersey, Newark, New York, New York East, Central New York, Philadelphia, Troy and Iowa Conferences.— These sermons were generally earnest, direct and efficient. Over 200 ministers were present during the meeting, and most of them in some way took part in the exercises. I have never seen a greater willingness to work, and the influence, from the first service to the close, was blessed. Scarcely a meeting was held that was not crowned with the conversion of sinners and the sanctification of believers. The work spread from stand to tabernacle, cottages and tents; and news of awakenings, conversions, and sanctifications reached us from all directions, almost every hour.— Some of the cases were of marked and special interest.

The good accomplished is far beyond our means of computation, and expressions of great satisfaction with the meeting have greeted us on

every hand. It was matter of great joy to us to hail the pastor and people of the Wharton Street Church, Philadelphia, with their large society tent, in which meetings were held daily—as it looked like a return to primitive times, and we hope their example will be followed by others.

### SABBATH SCHOOLS.

From the beginning, the Ocean Grove Association has had special regard for the children and young people gathered with them, and on Sabbath afternoons has had Sunday-school exercises in infant, intermediate and Bible-class departments. This interest has grown and prospered wonderfully. The present season numbers in these several departments an attendance of over 500 scholars each Sabbath.

The International Berean Series of Bible study is closely and carefully followed, lesson leaves furnished each pupil, and Sunday-School Advocates semi-monthly, while inspiring music resounds through Jehovah's leafy temple from heart and voice of the assembled throng.

This season a regular Sunday-school organization has been formed, and the following officers elected :

JOSEPH H. THORNLEY, Superintendent, (who has had charge of the Sunday-school interests at the Grove since its first camp meeting.)

F. J. McPHERSON, Trenton, Assistant Superintendent.

FRANK S. COOKMAN, Philadelphia, Secretary.

CHARLES M. GARRISON and T. M. SAYRES, Librarians, Ocean Grove.

Miss CARRIE WARD, Newark, N. J., Directress of the Infant Department.

J. L. HAYS, Newark, N. J., and GEO. W. EVANS, Philadelphia, Quarterly Conference Committee.

M. C. STAFFORD, THOS. SAPPINGTON and S. TRUITT, Musical Directors.

During the camp meeting, Miss S. SHARP, of Philadelphia, and others, conducted children's meetings in the tabernacle each day, and sixty children are reported among the saved, as the result of their labors.

For these gratifying results, both temporal and spiritual, I have over and over again given thanks to Almighty God, who of his abundant mercy has so crowned our unworthy efforts with His grace and glory. I doubt not you will feel like doing the same.

### OCEAN GROVE CHURCH.

Those familiar with our map will remember that there was marked upon it, from the beginning, a plot along the turnpike front, for church and parsonage. All movements for a permanent church at this place have been delayed up to the present season, for a single reason, namely : *the time had not come, the necessity was not upon us.* Neither of these pleas can be longer urged ; the time has come—the need is great. We must take some steps towards this object, or lose the opportunity. This loss we could not afford. The voice of God seemed to say “Arise, and

build." Ocean Grove must take the initiative. From this there was no escape. A plot of ground has therefore been donated, and a thousand dollars pledged by the Association, to carry on the work. The pastor is busy securing other subscriptions, and it is hoped a church commensurate with the wants and character of this place, will have a basement at least, ready for occupancy this winter, and the whole be ready for dedication by the coming season.

### HOME FOR MINISTERS.

The ladies, too, are interested in the project of erecting a "Home for Ministers" on these grounds, and an application will be laid before you for the grant of lots for this purpose. The object is a grand one, and the only question that can perhaps arise, is whether the carrying out of this project now will interfere in any way with the erection of the church?—If you entertain this question favorably, (as I trust you will,) the appointment of a committee to locate the lots will be appropriate.

### NO FATAL ACCIDENTS!

Before closing this report I desire to join with you in expressions of gratitude to Almighty God that we have passed through these five years of our history without fatal accident by lake or land or sea! This, in view of the many thousands who yearly enjoy the pleasures of lake and sea, (many of whom are inexperienced, and others careless,) is matter of surprise, and should cause us to feel not only grateful, but also our constant dependence upon the Omnipotent arm. May He still defend us!



Let me now call your attention to the following

### SUGGESTIONS.

1st. The waters of Wesley Lake, the Sabbath regulation of which has hitherto caused us much anxiety, are now submitted to a sub-committee, from Asbury Park and Ocean Grove. It is hoped and believed that by a mild and steady policy, this arrangement will largely, if not entirely, prevent further troubles—which mild but steady policy I recommend to be pursued.

2d. FIRE!—We have been wonderfully favored in regard to fire.—Only one small cottage has been burned, and that occurred at a time when every thing was so wet that surrounding property was not endangered. But it suggested the necessity of having the lots in the grove cleared of their leaves, turf, underbrush, &c. The Association, therefore, passed an order requiring owners of lots in the grove to have them cleared up, not only as a measure of improvement, but more especially as a protection against the spread of fire. In case owners refuse or neglect



to do this, the superintendent is instructed to have it done and charge it against them.

To the above we have now to add, that on the morning of Sept. 16th, the Association barn was consumed by fire, entailing a loss of some \$800, on which there was an insurance of \$200. We were greatly aided in the extinguishment of the fire by a gentle rain and the Asbury Park chemical fire apparatus—for both of which we return thanks. I think it well that the Association re-affirm its action with regard to clearing up lots, and insist on its observance, as a means of protection from the ravages of fire. In this connection I also *again re-urge* the immediate purchase of a fire apparatus of sufficient capacity to afford reasonable protection against further loss.

3rd. BUSINESS OF THE YEAR.—I suggest further that the great business of the year should be the grading and graveling of side-walks and avenues, and the removal of sand-banks. These things press us now, and few things are more popular with our people.

4th. WIDENING SIDE-WALKS. —The widening of side-walks on the beach, to a number of feet, say fifteen or more, on either side, so as materially to narrow the wagon-ways, is urged by some lot-holders, who are willing to be at the expense—is a matter of economy to the Association, as well as beauty to all, and worthy of consideration.

5th. PARK AT THE OFFICE.—The removal of sand-banks at the office, and the laying out of the grounds into a park, will greatly beautify that place, which is all-important from the fact that it is the place where the multitudes first land, and from which they depart—and the first and last impressions should be pleasant. I recommend this to your attention.

6th. WATER-CLOSETS.—The removal of the sand-bank north of Ocean Pathway, back of the stand, will necessitate a reconstruction, if not a new location, for two of our public privies. I suggest that we build water closets with cottage fronts, neat and attractive, with sitting-room and toilet for ladies, with water closets in the rear, so as not to be unsightly any where, and keep them in such condition as not to be offensive. This, I am sure, is practicable, and will afford relief to a greatly-embarrassing question. Place one for ladies near Thompson Park, and one for gentlemen on the park to be laid out near the office.

7th. PRAYER TENT.—Would it not be well to erect, with board floor and sides, with canvas covering, one large tent, opposite the stand, at head of congregation grounds? and so, with Dr. Ward's tent on the north, the tabernacle on the south, and this tent on the west, we would have ample accommodations in time of storm, and be able, likewise, to scatter our forces when too numerous to work together. We need this



additional large tent often through the day, for the purpose of holding more meetings, of different kinds, during the progress of the camp meeting.

8th. The enlargement of the store, 20 feet on Pitman Avenue.

9th. KINGSLEY PLACE.—There is a united, persistent and (I think) reasonable demand on the part of lot-holders, for the opening of Kingsley Place, as marked and promised on our published map. There are several written appeals to you on this subject, and my judgment is that you cannot refuse them and meet your published pledges. I therefore suggest that the north and south side-walks of Kingsley Place be graded and graveled, and, if thought best, just so many trees cut from the centre of the avenue as to allow a single wagon track, and that the south side of Kingsley Place be the future line of tents—that line of tents to face north.

10th. SHADE IN FRONT OF STAND.—The question of shade in front of the stand is not yet satisfactorily solved. My recommendation is that a substantial and tasteful frame, of from 100 feet wide to 150 long, with rafters running to a peak, (connected with the stand,) be so constructed as to endure for years, and not injure the trees; and that we cover this frame each year with bowers until the trees get large enough (if ever) to afford the needed shade. This will be more popular and pleasant than a shingle roof, and, with the addition of another large tent, we can protect ourselves in time of storm.

11th. SIGNS.—Our avenue sign boards need renewing. Something better and more permanent is now needed.

12th. AVENUES IN THE GROVE.—The avenues in the grove, north of Main Avenue, need overhauling. If they cannot all be clayed this year, they should at least have the stumps removed from them.

13th. The privilege of private bathing houses needs your consideration.

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I now reach a conclusion. I am most happy to say that amid all the pleasures and recreations that have surrounded us, the religious element has been supreme. The observance of the Sabbath, on land, lake and sea, has been most gratifying. Of course, among so many, there will be some things that give us pain, and which we could wish were otherwise. Nevertheless, as the following little incident will show, the religious element is in the ascendant:

A little boy at Ocean Grove, who was anticipating the gift of a boat from his father, made a significant remark: Running up to his mamma one day in great glee, he said, "Mamma, do you know what I am going to name my boat?" "Why, no," she said, "what will you name her?" All earnestness, he replied, "I'm going to name her '*Sweetly Resting in Jesus.*'"

But Ocean Grove is no longer the infant it was. Grown beyond all precedent and expectation, it will need increased vigilance and care.— God will be with us so long as we keep with Him. We must plan and work according to the enlarged demand. Let us gird ourselves to the grandeur of our mission, and (as in the past) look to God for help, with an increasing hope and trust.

You will be called upon at this meeting to fill the places of brethren whose seats in this Association have been declared vacant. May the Holy Spirit guide in the selection of their successors. Let our eye be single : Holiness to the Lord, in thought, and word, and deed.

With thanks to the Executive Committee, Superintendent, Treasurer, foremen and laborers, for faithfulness and courtesies : and again commending you and our work, to God and the word of his grace, I am, dear brethren, as ever, yours in Jesus,

E. H. STOKES, *President.*

CAMDEN, N. J., OCTOBER, 1874.



HAYWOOD COTTAGE,  
Wesley Lake.

From the Irish Evangelist, Dublin, (Ireland,) November 1st, 1874.

## SUNDAY AT AN AMERICAN CAMP-MEETING.

OCEAN GROVE, N. J., is fast becoming a favourite summer resort for those who desire a quiet seaside residence, apart from the pomp and show of fashionable watering-places. It is situated about six miles south of Long Branch, which is one of the most celebrated summer resorts in America. Ocean Grove is connected with the latter by a line of stages, no railway having yet been built, although one is now in contemplation. It is situated on the shore of the Atlantic Ocean, where the sea-view is one of unsurpassed grandeur. There is a good sandy beach, which affords visitors a rare opportunity for surf-bathing, and for whose accommodation bathing-houses have been erected and life-lines placed.

About five hundred yards from the beach is the grove from which the place takes its name. It belongs to an Association, who have the entire control of it. It is laid out into avenues and streets, and quite a number of elegant villas and cottages have been erected, so that it may safely aspire to the name village, although in the winter time its census would be small. This summer it was reckoned to have about ten thousand visitors at one time. The avenues and streets are mostly named after prominent Methodist worthies, whose names are familiar to all Wesleyans. There is Heck Avenue, Embury Avenue, Coke Avenue, and many others. There are also two beautiful sheets of water, called respectively Wesley Lake and Fletcher Lake. The former is of considerable size, where visitors can enjoy boating in perfect safety. But the Grove Association had a higher object in view than mere recreation, when the scheme was contemplated. It was proposed to establish a camp-meeting here, with the specific purpose in view of promoting the *advancement of Christian holiness*. A more beautiful place could not have been selected for the purpose, the grove affording good shelter from the rays of the sun, and the additional attraction of the wide ocean, the thundrings of which can be heard from the camp-ground, as the waves dash themselves on the shore, adding beauty and effect to the scene. The writer had the privilege of spending a Sunday here during the camp-meeting this summer, and a sketch of it may not be uninteresting to our transatlantic friends.

But the principal audience-place is a large bower, formed by fastening branches from one tree to another, at a suitable distance from the ground, thus making a complete shade overhead. At one end of the bower is the preachers' stand, with a platform elevated about four feet from the ground, and capable of accommodating about one hundred people. Around this stand is a railing placed, which serves as an altar for penitents. There are generally two or three services going on at the same time in the camp-ground, but without causing annoyance to each other. With regard to the particular Sunday in question, although there were singing heard from an early hour in the morning, the regular services for the day commenced with a love-feast, at 8.30 A. M. This was largely attended, not less than from three to four thousand persons being present. After the presiding elder had formally opened the meeting, the "speaking" commenced. Never did I see an audience so ready and willing to testify for Christ, or so many testimonies given in so short a time. In such a large audience, it was necessary that the testimonies should be short, and this was strictly adhered to. No sooner did one sit down, than another arose, and frequently two or three together; so that there was no "dragging" in the meeting. Some contented themselves with repeating a verse of Scripture expressive of their desires, and others by repeating a suitable hymn, and many expressed themselves in a single sentence. One young man arose and said, "Saved this morning by the precious blood." An old veteran preacher got up and said, "That he was now laid aside from active duty, and was sitting in his tent-door watching the progress of the battle; but," said he, "I never see an empty saddle, but I am ready to fill it." A gentleman from Chicago said, "That he had come from what might be termed 'the land of fire,' where he had witnessed the devastation caused by it in a few short hours, and that it was not his desire to go to dwell with everlasting fire." Another said, "he had come to Ocean Grove the previous year with no particular object in view; but during his stay he attended the services, and was convinced of sin, and returned to his home a new man. On coming back this year to the 'Grove,' he said the text came to his mind, 'Put off thy shoes from off thy feet, for the place whereon thou standest is holy ground.'" A

colored lady gave her experience with such touching earnestness and depth of feeling, as to draw tears from many eyes. On concluding she sang a beautiful song, the chorus of which was, "I'm saved by the blood of Jesus." Another compared Ocean Grove to Mount Pisgah, from whence a clearer glimpse of the promised land could be obtained. But it would fill a volume to rehearse all the experiences that were given, which were all expressive of the undoubted witness of the Spirit.

The love-feast was concluded at 10 o'clock, and the preaching-service then commenced. It was conducted by the Rev. Anthony Atwood, of Philadelphia, who took for his text Acts i, 8, "But ye shall receive power after the Holy Ghost is come upon you," &c. He particularly dwelt on "holiness," and pressed his conviction that a man may have as much grace as will save him; but unless he is endued with "special power," he cannot be useful in saving others. He concluded his discourse with an appeal to all to seek a deeper baptism of the Holy Spirit. The congregation was dismissed about 12 o'clock, and Sunday-school was announced to begin at 1.30. At the hour appointed, the grown-up scholars met in the large tent, and an infant-class was formed in another tent, while an advanced Bible-class occupied a third. The infant-class sang some beautiful Sunday-school hymns just before dismissal.

During the school-hour a large congregation had collected at the preaching-place, to hear the exhortations of Amanda Smith, a colored lady, of camp-meeting notoriety. I understand she is a member of Old John Street Church of New York, which is the first Methodist Episcopal Church of America. Her discourse was full of fire, and her appeals to the impenitent searching and powerful. She invited all who had a desire to come to the Saviour, to hold up their right hand in token thereof, and a goodly number responded to the invitation. She then asked them to come up to the altar, which was soon crowded with earnest penitents. A glorious time followed; but how many were brought to God will only be known when the secrets of all hearts are revealed.

At 6 o'clock a beach-meeting was held on the sea-shore, during which exhortations were given, hymns sung, and prayers offered.

"Beside the sea the wondering people stood,  
Or sat, or bowed, Devotion's earnest throng;  
The spirit, lost in worship's attitude,  
Mingled its praises with the billow's song."

About 7 o'clock the audience began to move up towards the preaching-place, singing, as they went, that favorite song—

"In the sweet by-and-by  
We shall meet on that beautiful shore."

Here the evening preaching-service was held, while another service was going on in the large tent, and still a third in another tent, there being generally three or four congregations meeting at once.

After the sermon a penitent-meeting was held, and, as usual, the altar was crowded. The cries of the seeking penitents could be heard all over the camp-ground. One young man had thrown himself on his knees on the ground, and seemed unconscious of the presence of any one, while he communed with God in prayer. Much good was done by exhorters and others going through the audience, and speaking words of counsel to such as seemed disposed to listen. In the good work they were ably aided by Sister Amanda Smith, who seemed to be in her element at the penitence-meetings. She also gave an address, in which she related the following incident: She said she had been coming from Pittsburgh a few days before in company with a friend, and a man came along the railway-cars, putting a lighted lamp in each. She asked her companion what that was for? it being broad daylight all the time. Pretty soon, however, they came to a very long tunnel, and, speaking to her companion, she said, "Ah! I see *now* what the light was for." Carrying on the idea, she applied it to spiritual things, and said, "that God never sent his children through dark places, without giving them light to guide them." Many souls professed to have peace, and the meeting continued up to 10 o'clock, and was then dismissed. But the difficulty seemed to be to get the people dispersed, and many still lingered around the altar, where so many had been blessed. In many of the tents could be heard the voice of prayer and weeping, as some sin-burdened soul wrestled with God in secret, and Jacob-like, saying in his heart, "I will not let thee go unless thou bless me."

Soon after 10 o'clock the camp-bell rung out its good-night, and in a short time all had sought the shelter of their tents for the night. Thus closed the Sunday at camp-meeting.









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Lake Ave., between New York and Penna. Aves.

Residence of GEO. W. EVANS, Esq., Secretary of O. G. C. M. A.

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Here by the lake in Summer's soft repose,  
And near the sea, the citizen shall rest ;  
Where God and Nature sweetly interpose,  
Till heart and home are both supremely blest.—E. H. ■.

# SUMMER BY THE SEA.

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## SIXTH ANNUAL REPORT

AND

## THE HISTORICAL ADDRESS

OF THE

## PRESIDENT

OF

# Ocean Grove Camp Meeting Ass'n.



"I dream of it so much,  
Distant and yet so dear;  
So fresh to the sense, so far to the touch,  
So dim, and yet so clear."

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SIXTH ANNUAL REPORT  
OF THE  
President of Ocean Grove Camp-Meeting Association.

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OCTOBER 12TH, 1875.

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To the Members of the Association:

DEAR BRETHREN—

The time for our Annual Meeting has again arrived. At these gatherings, as is my duty, you properly expect that I should lay before you the facts, figures and accomplishment of the year just closed. In doing this for the sixth time, it is but just to say that the task is performed with emotions of a purer pleasure, and profounder gratitude to Almighty God, than ever before. Always thankful when a season of prosperity has closed, my gratitude has an intenser glow to-day, because the prosperity of no previous year, all things considered, has equaled the present. In view of the continued financial embarrassments of the country, and the multiplication of Summer resorts and Camp-Meeting grounds, there were apprehensions, at the commencement of the season, that receipts might not equal expenses, and the recreative feature at Ocean Grove being marked and prominent, great anxiety was felt lest the religious element should become subservient to simple pleasure. That neither fear has been realized, produces the highest satisfaction, and inflames a love towards our blessed Lord, which I trust will never decrease, much less grow cold.

The following sentiment is on the first page of my last Annual Report: "A more general and heartily-expressed approval of our work has been given, and many persons who were indifferent or opposed to us, have gone to their homes this year deeply interested friends." This paragraph was true in its application to the season of 1874, but it is ten-fold truer in its

application to the season of 1875. Spontaneous and voluntary remarks, both public and private, have fallen from the lips of multitudes of our most thoughtful Ministers and people, expressive not only of the highest approval of our work, but of the largest personal pleasure and profit derived from a brief or protracted sojourn at this place.

As the great design of Ocean Grove is religious, the ever-swelling tide of such united and hearty testimony cannot be other than doubly and always welcome. Newspaper correspondents, too, almost without number, from this place to all parts of the land, near and remote, have spoken of our work, generally in the most flattering terms of praise. Not to feel a high-toned pleasure in view of all these things, would argue a want of appreciation and a degree of ingratitude which none of us, I think, possess. Let us, then, in the silent depths of our hearts, sing perpetual doxologies of praise to Him through whose favor alone these benign and blessed results have been reached, and still go forward to greater achievements and a holier work.

Without further preliminaries, let me call your attention to the

### WORK OF THE YEAR.

By this I mean the material accomplishments since our last Annual Meeting. These have been extensive and varied. Some are prominent, and call forth admiration ; others are of a character to attract but little attention, yet equally laborious, costly and important.

**MEMORIAL PARK.**—The first to which I call your attention is the removal of the sand-drift, leveling, soiling, seeding in grass, and planting trees, on the plot of ground immediately adjoining the Association office, which we have named, for reasons which will appear, " Memorial Park." This, from being unsightly and repulsive to the eyes of persons as they stepped from the stages to the platform, has become a place of beauty and attraction.

The sand-drift, north of Ocean Pathway, extending to Thompson Park, has likewise been removed, at a cost of \$500, adding greatly to the appearance of that locality, and at the same time enabling us to make a strip of land, from 8 to 15 feet wide, from about half-way between Pilgrim Pathway and Central Avenue, along Wesley Lake, down to Beach, equivalent to at least three lots, and, if placed in the market, could be sold at a handsome price : while, at the same time, by this arrangement, the bank along the lake, which before was irregular and unsightly, has been leveled

and graded in conformity to the other parts, which, when seeded or soded, will increase the beauty of that locality to an extent equal to the whole cost of moving the sand.

### AVENUES.

The various Avenues have had as much time and attention as means allowed. Central Avenue has been clayed from Wesley Lake to Webb ; Pilgrim Pathway from Main to Broadway ; Ocean Pathway on the north side from Beach to Ocean Avenue, and on the south side from Ocean Avenue to Central ; Sea-View from Central to Ocean, and side-walks on the south side. Avenue Parks, at the Ocean end of Embury, Heck, Pitman, Bath, Surf and Atlantic Avenues, have been enclosed with a plain, substantial painted fence, while the roads around them have had thorough coats of gravel, to keep the sand from drifting.

Broadway has been cut through, and is graded out to the turnpike. The side-walks on this Avenue are not yet completed. Lawrence, Benson and Whitefield Avenues have been graded from Main Avenue to Wesley Lake ; Mt. Hermon and Mt. Tabor Ways have been graded from Lawrence to Whitefield, and Mt. Tabor from Pennsylvania to Pilgrim Pathway, and Mt. Carmel from New York to Pilgrim Pathway. Embury, Webb and Abbott Avenues have been graded from Ocean to Beach. These, being wide at the sea, and from three to four and-a-half feet below the grade, required in many cases more than 5,000 loads of sand to bring them up to a proper level. This, though most important, is some of the kinds of work, costly and laborious as it is, for which we get little or no credit after it is done.

Heck Avenue is cut through the sand-drift, and curbed from Central to the sea. Webb is curbed from half-way between Central and Beach, to the sea. Central Avenue is curbed from Main to Webb, each side. Main Avenue is curbed from the Post Office to the sea, on both sides, and the side-walks widened towards the sea. The entire side-walks of Main Avenue, from gates to ocean, are in excellent condition.

Both sides of Bath Avenue, from Pilgrim Pathway to Central, are curbed, and the side-walks clayed. McClintock Street, from Central to Pilgrim Pathway, is cut through, and likewise clayed and curbed. The adjustment of these Avenues thus far has involved considerable time and expense, yet it is a work imperative in its character, and should not cease till all are done.



### BUILDINGS AND OTHER IMPROVEMENTS.

As our work expands, additional wants arise each year, and these must be met as the emergencies demand. The value of our tent property is considerable. As these articles are frail and perishable, it was found difficult to get satisfactory insurance upon them. To meet this difficulty, it was thought advisable to become our own insurers, and so a fire-proof tent-house was erected at the corner of Pilgrim Pathway and McClintock Street, 14x14, two stories high, which serves the purpose admirably, and, when completed, will be an ornament. A fire engine was found to be a necessity. The purchase of a large machine, on the suction principle, was made, and this required a house for its shelter and protection. Accordingly, to meet this want, a house 18x36 feet, two stories high, was built on Olin Street, near Pilgrim Pathway, facing Memorial Park. There is one large room below, which is occupied by the engine and apparatus, and in the second story is a large room front, and a small one back. The front room should be plastered, and the young men will furnish it. Then, if desired, it could be used for prayer or other religious meetings, and a reading room. A reading room is much needed at this place, particularly in the Winter time. Books and periodicals to supply it, could be had with little or no cost.



The removal of the sand-drifts north of Ocean Pathway, rendered the removal of the ladies' retirement a necessity. In place of the unsightly sheds formerly used, we have erected, on Bath Avenue, between Pilgrim Pathway and Central, what is known as the Ladies' Cottage, a neat building in the cottage style, 18x24 feet, two stories high, with a reception room nicely furnished in front, with proper conveniences in the room back. The vault below is brick, cemented throughout. The second story is to be used for storage in the Winter. It has received more commendation, and is less offensive than anything of the kind ever erected on these grounds. The gentlemen's retirement, in the same neighborhood, has had a brick cemented vault placed beneath it, and otherwise much improved. Its location is, however, offensive to some.

The roof of a four-square building having fallen into our hands for a small sum, we erected, at the foot of Main Avenue, by the sea, a small pavilion, and covered it with this roof, thus affording at a small expense accommodations for the people in that locality. Another should be erected, farther down the beach.

A very neat and attractive little rustic bridge has been constructed from the main land at McKendree Park, to Fairy Island, making a nice improvement at that place.

On the 31st of July, at the Sixth Anniversary of the first religious meeting held upon these grounds, there was erected, as commemorative of that event, in connection with the anniversary exercises, in Memorial Park, a "Memorial Vase," at a cost of a little over \$100. The vase is of iron, and stands about eight feet high. It is designed, not simply as commemorative of the first religious meeting held upon these grounds, but as the members of the Association die, their names will be inscribed upon the marble panels found upon the several sides.

The panel facing Main Avenue has inscribed upon it :

OCEAN GROVE  
CAMP-MEETING ASSOCIATION  
OF THE  
METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.  
ORGANIZED DEC. 22, 1869.  
"HOLINESS UNTO THE LORD."  
ERECTED JULY 31ST, 1875.

On the panel facing West, is inscribed :

IN MEMORIAM:  
ALFRED COOKMAN.  
RULIF V. LAWRENCE.  
GEORGE FRANKLIN.



The three brethren who have preceded us to the better land. May we who remain, after our labors have ceased here, if thought worthy to have our names inscribed thereon, be found with them, walking with God in white.

To meet the demand for better shade in front of the stand, a substantial frame, 75x100 feet, (the stand and side-wings additional,) with 16 feet posts, was erected, at a cost of a little less than \$1,000, which was covered with boughs during the whole season. As a screen from the sun it was perfect ; its beautiful appearance was subject of universal remark, and had there been no rains, or had the rains been less frequent than they were, it would have met every want. As far as the nature of things allowed, it was a grand success.

Our foreman, Mr. Lewis Rainear, whose devotion to the interests of the Association is marked and constant, living upon the grounds the year round, needed more room for his family. An addition was therefore ordered, and has been made to our property occupied by him, on Main Avenue, between Beach and Central, north side, at a cost of about \$800, which gives him a pleasant home. But the cottage being upon a single lot, the grounds were too small, and the lot adjoining was purchased for his greater accommodation.

A large amount of straw is used by us through the season. A place for its storage was needed. A barracks or barn, 16x16, with 13-foot posts, was built for this purpose on the stabling grounds, at a small cost by our own workmen, with materials on our hands.

Over 500 cedar posts and poles have been purchased, 27 of which, 8 inches in diameter, and 14 feet long, are used to support the Tabernacle, and the balance (less in size, but longer,) are used for tent-posts and eave poles.

### HORSES.

Our horse arrangements have changed somewhat during the year. We originally had but one horse, purchased for \$112.50, which did a good work for several years. Over a year ago, however, having run down and become unfit for our use, he was sold for about \$25. About three years ago we bought of Geo. Rogers a good pair of horses, hack and harness, all of which were paid for in lots. These served us grandly until last Winter, when one of them died. Last Spring another pair of splendid draught horses were bought for \$400, giving us now, as we always greatly need, three good draught or road horses, all of which are in fine condition.

## RAIL ROAD.

The oft-repeated question, When will the Rail Road come? was answered on the 28th of August last by the screech of the steam whistle and the rumbling of car wheels. Two trains were run on the afternoon of that day, since which time regular trips have been made to New York city and intermediate places.\* These facts create a new era in the history of our enterprize. That we should have succeeded, during the five years of our existence, in bringing so many thousands of people to our grounds, over a stage road of seven miles, with modes of conveyance never more than pleasant, and oftentimes uncomfortable and offensive to the last degree, is one of the marvels of modern times. And yet, notwithstanding all these inconveniences, the people have come in increasing thousands year by year. That the Rail Road reached us no sooner, is, I think, one of the many providential indications that God is with us here. An earlier arrival would have found us unprepared to meet the demands of the multitudes it would have brought; and the moral status of our enterprise not fully established, misrule would no doubt have overcome us. As it is, we have had time to prepare for these increasing numbers, and the moral status of the place, revealed by the exercises of five years, so far meets with approval that public sentiment will now sustain us in its perpetuation. That the numbers of people visiting these grounds next season by reason of the Rail Road and the Centennial year, will be greatly augmented, there can be no reasonable doubt. This new influx will increase our opportunities and responsibilities. There will be, if we prepare for it, increased opportunities for the sale of lands, and for doing good to the souls of men; there will also be new and grave responsibilities to keep intact the moral and religious character of the place—which moral and religious character is its chief attraction, *and its only power!* For all these opportunities and emergencies let us gird ourselves, and then I am sure a wise and gracious God will make us fully competent to meet them.

## LAND PURCHASES.

Considerable advancement has been made during the past year in the adjustment and purchase of lands.

The "Swanton tract," consisting of about four acres, after making deductions, was bought last December, and paid for. This tract lies on the southern part of our grounds, and includes both sides of Fletcher Lake, from the ice-house easterly some distance, and, south of Fletcher

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\*Since the above was written, the track has been completed, and trains are now run to Squan.

Lake, runs east well on towards the ocean, and westerly about half way from the ice-house to the turnpike.

It is a matter of profound congratulation that we are able to announce to you the purchase, also, of about thirty acres of land on our extreme southwest border, known as the "Russel tract." It runs, as you will see by a map before you, from our ice-house, joining our lands by a straight line on the north to the turnpike, and then on considerably beyond the Rail Road west; then by a line on the south side of Fletcher Lake, considerable distance towards the turnpike, until it strikes off southwesterly, giving us several acres of the high ground south of the lake near the turnpike, and so on beyond the Rail Road, 15 40-100 acres on the other side of that line. This, with a very small exception, brings into our possession the whole of Fletcher Lake. Thus, with the undivided control of this Lake, it may be opened, and made as beautiful as Wesley Lake, quite up to the Rail Road, where it is presumed an Ocean Grove depot will ultimately be established. This purchase, after having paid \$2,000 down, will leave our land indebtedness about \$14,000, which is a wise increase, and, if the land is rightly managed, will in a short time more than pay the original cost. I shall make some important recommendations in connection with this land, at the close of this report.

### SANITARY CONDITION.

The sanitary condition was never better than during the current year. The garbage was more generally and regularly attended to; there was less, indeed scarcely any, refuse matter thrown upon the ground; cleanliness was a marked feature all through the tenting grounds; and, around the cottages; offensive sights and odors were immediately looked after and removed. A better condition of things, so far as the surface of the soil was concerned, could hardly be maintained, with so many people, in so small a space, for so long a time. It is a matter of profound satisfaction, too, that so little sickness has obtained—scarcely any, excepting some of the ordinary ailments to which humanity is subject every where, and at all times. It is also a fact, which seems to us worthy of special mention, that while there have been at least *fifty thousand* visitors on these grounds during the Summer, giving us a settled population of from two to ten thousand for four months, but four deaths have taken place among all these multitudes, and during all this time. Two of these were infant children, brought here sick, and finally died. The third, Daniel Gary, Esq., of Newark, N. J., subject to heart disease for many years, after being upon the grounds for some days, had another acute attack, and, on the 26th of August, slept in Jesus. The fourth, Rev. J. B. Keagy, of the Metho-

dist Church, Canada, came here in June in a prostrated condition from kidney complaint. To the great joy of himself and friends, he rapidly improved, and was doing well. But too much elated, probably, with his prospects of returning health, he was not as cautious as would have been best, when, from overbathing and other causes, he relapsed, and, greatly to our grief, died on the morning of Sept. 1st.

But while we record with sorrow these fatal results, we doubt if any where in the land, with a population so vast, a death rate so meagre can be presented. It is to be added, too, that many of these visitors came here confirmed invalids, in search of health, and hundreds upon hundreds found it, and went to their homes, not only restored in body, but newly baptized from on high, realizing, to their still greater joy, that they were likewise made new in soul.

That you may have still more clearly before your minds the healthfulness of Ocean Grove, I present to you a comparative table of mortality between this place and Newark, the largest city in our State.

The population of the city of Newark, according to the last census, is 125,000. The following is the official report of the number of deaths for June, July, August, and to Sept. 18th, 1875: Deaths in June, 207; July, 428; August, 318; September, 18 days, 225; total, 1,178—an average of 1 in every 389. The population of Ocean Grove is set down for June at 3,000; July, 6,000; August, 10,000; September, 18 days, 4,000. In this time we had four deaths—a general average of 1 in every 5,750. Had our average of deaths been equal to that of Newark, it would have required us to have had 66 deaths, whereas we had but *four*, 62 less than our quota. To God be praise!

But while all these things are so, the sanitary question is one of the gravest importance, and should each year receive our profoundest attention. It is a matter in which every lot-holder and visitor, with the Association, is especially interested. Take away the healthfulness of this place, and its interest as a Summer resort ceases, property will depreciate, and the whole region relapse into its former dreariness and solitude. I shall present some recommendations of a stringent character upon this point, in the proper place.

#### WESLEY LAKE.

Wesley Lake has been in the best possible condition this year. The frequent rains and constant drainage at the foot, have kept the water pure, and the removal, as exigencies demanded, of the loose grass cut by the oars, has helped to keep them so. I need hardly say that it is among the most popular features of our place. While it is the resort of thousands



of adult pleasure seekers, it is the paradise of children from early dawn till evening shades appear. But while these things are true, it is a fact which causes some apprehension, that if the boats, which now number about 400, continue to multiply, the pleasure of the place will be marred, and the danger of boating, especially to children, greatly increased. Perhaps the improvement of Fletcher Lake, on our south, and of Sun-Set Lake, on Asbury Park, and the drawing away of some of the boats in these directions, will afford the needed relief.

### OCEAN GROVE LITERATURE.

In November last we published, by order of the Association, 2,000 copies of the Fifth Annual Report, in neat pamphlet form, corresponding with the previous issues, under the title "City by the Sea," at a cost of \$125—which has been circulated, and gives information which all desire. A hundred or more of these Reports, added to those of previous years, have been very neatly bound, some of which have been sold, and others given to distinguished persons, where their influence would be felt.

In May we issued 5,000 copies of the sixth number of our "Ocean Grove" paper, with several new engravings, three of which were purchased, and others were loaned—costing, with the new engravings, \$168.05. These papers were sent gratuitously in all directions, largely to Ministers and other representative men, as we may know their address. These papers communicate information to be derived no where else, and accomplish much good.

About the first of June the publication of the "Ocean Grove Record" was commenced by Rev. A. Wallace, of this Association. This paper has been issued weekly, and sometimes twice in the week, during the season, a series of 26 numbers, at a cost of 50 cents for the term. About 50,000 papers have thus been printed, giving a full account of our Summer work, greatly interesting our people, who have scattered them far and wide among their friends, until they have probably reached every State and territory in the Union. The Association agreed to meet \$250 of the expense of publication, for which they received in return 500 copies of each issue. About \$75 worth of these papers have been sold at retail, six copies of each number sent to each member of the Association for distribution, leaving enough over, with the purchase of two or three exhausted numbers from Brother Wallace, to make 100 complete files for binding, which costs three cents per copy. These, if sold (as they may be) will net the Association about \$50 more, leaving something over \$125 for the Association to pay beyond receipts.



The questions as to Whether this paper shall be continued? In what form? and What aid you will render? will be submitted to you in due form, and I trust, in view of all the facts which surround us, you will give to these points full consideration, and such aid and encouragement as may be in your power.

We also, by order of the Association, published in July last 5,000 copies of "Hand-Book of Rules to be observed at Ocean Grove," a little pamphlet of 8 pages. These have been distributed in all the tents, cottages and boarding houses, and have, I think, served greatly to allay the alarm which had been raised by the frequent cry of "Restrictions." For these rules, when all brought together and intelligently examined, being neither arbitrary nor unreasonable, were found mutually helpful and protective. The result has been a more thorough observance of these regulations than ever, and the universal sentiment is, "Keep your rules without alteration or abatement."

### INVENTORY OF PROPERTY.

After this enumeration of the improvements and other facts connected with the year, I present for your consideration the following inventory of property, made by the Superintendent at my request, and presented to me, October 1st, 1875.

#### INVENTORY OF ASSOCIATION PROPERTY.

Made October 1, 1875.

Preaching Stand.....	\$1,000 00
Frame in front of Stand .....	1,000 00
Store .....	5,000 00
Grove Cottage.....	4,000 00
Association Office and Post Office .....	2,000 00
Barn and Wagon Sheds.....	800 00
Summer Houses.....	1,200 00
Ice House.....	4,000 00
Store Houses .....	750 00
Tent House.....	700 00
Oil and Gas House .....	300 00
Platform and Depot.....	300 00
Superintendent's House.....	4,500 00
Foreman's House .....	2,800 00
Privies .....	2,000 00
Bath Houses.....	150 00
Flag and Staff.....	250 00
Lumber.....	3,400 00
Tools .....	200 00
Three horses.....	700 00
Harness.....	200 00
Farm Wagon, Hack, Carriage, Sled, Ice Wagon, Cart, 1-horse Wagon, Hand-Cart.....	500 00
Lamps, about 150 .....	600 00
Boats, 26 .....	500 00
Pumps, 22 .....	650 00

Tents, 264.....	10,220 00
Tent Poles.....	500 00
Office Furniture, including two Safes.....	770 00
Settees for Stand.....	100 00
Park Settees, 150.....	750 00
Plank Settees, 107.....	425 00
Platform in Tabernacle.....	30 00
Stoves.....	50 00
Rope.....	20 00
Bell.....	250 00
Engine House.....	900 00
Engine.....	600 00
Hose.....	100 00
Cedar Poles.....	500 00
Tent Pins.....	50 00
Oil Cans, &c.....	50 00
Tile and Pipe.....	50 00
Earth Closets.....	50 00
Iron Bedsteads.....	12 00
Chains.....	20 00
Tables, 2.....	10 00
Tent Furniture.....	14 00
Communion Set.....	40 00
Bible and Hymn Book.....	14 00
Clock.....	8 00
Telegraph Poles.....	10 00
Fences.....	1,000 00
Turnpike Stock.....	500 00
Rail Road Bonds.....	5,500 00
Gas Apparatus.....	1,700 00
Sprinklers.....	175 00
Benches and Tables, (all kinds).....	100 00
Bunks, 375.....	750 00
Copying Press.....	8 00
Furniture in Grove Cottage.....	500 00
Two barrels Naptha and one of Oil.....	40 00
Organ.....	100 00
Wood Cuts and Electrotypes.....	300 00
Total this year.....	63,716 09
Last year.....	56,313 44
Increase.....	7,402 65

### LOTS SOLD.

There have been 69 lots sold the past year, for the sum of \$23,481.88. There remains unpaid on these lots and on lots sold in previous years, the sum of \$9,344. Receipts from sale of lots during past year, (including some sold in previous years), \$12,659.01.

### BOATS.

The Association owns 26 boats, the rental for which, in 1875, was \$111. For 1874, \$196.50. Decrease, \$85.50.

## ICE.

We gathered last Winter about 1,600 tons of good ice. The sales during the Summer were as follows :

Sale of Ice during the Summer.....	\$1,028 26
Profits of business after deducting cost of gathering, interest on cost of building and expense of serving.....	70 26

## ASSESSMENTS.

Received for Assessments during the year.....	1,710 00
Receipts for "Ocean Grove Record".....	77 51

## PRIVILEGES.

Receipts from various Privileges.....	2,767 00
Due the Association for Privileges.....	1,124 33

## RECEIPTS

## FROM ALL SOURCES DURING THE PAST YEAR.

Receipts from every source.....	32,665 85
Expenditures.....	36,777 34
Treasury overdrawn.....	4,111 49
Notes not yet matured, in hands of Treasurer.....	1,765 14
Actual overdraft on Treasurer .....	2,346 35
Bills receivable .....	\$9,344 00

## POST OFFICE.

Letters sent this year.....	49,873
"    last year.....	40,264
Increase.....	9,609

It is to be borne in mind, too, in this connection, that a new Post Office has been established this year on the Asbury Park side.

## TELEGRAMS.

Messages sent this year .....	2,145
"    last year.....	1,352
Increase.....	793

## VISITORS.

It is estimated that about fifty thousand persons visited the grounds during the past season.

## POLICE.

The population of the Grove being steadily on the increase, some addition to the number of police was thought advisable, the largest number being employed at night and during the Camp Meeting. The cost of police service last year was \$697.50; this year, \$1,000; increase, 302.50.

## COST OF HORSE-KEEPING.

Hay and feed during the year cost \$264.57, previous year, \$445.33; decrease, \$180.76. It should be remembered, however, that in consequence of the sale of one horse, and the subsequent death of another, a part of the year only one horse was kept. Nevertheless it should also be stated that the fine team we now have costs much less to keep than inferior horses.

## GARBAGE.

The cost of removing garbage may be estimated at \$325; last year, \$310; increase, \$15.

## SCHEDULE OF LABOR

For the past year, showing the number of men, teams and carts employed, together with the number of days' work by each, and the amount each month for the same, including that paid to Foreman and Superintendent:

Months.	Year.	Men.	Days.	Teams.	Days.	Carts.	Days.	Monthly Pay.
October,	1874	13	428	6	129 $\frac{3}{4}$	2	22	\$1,042 92
November,	"	18	322 $\frac{1}{2}$	10	160 $\frac{1}{2}$	3	54 $\frac{1}{2}$	1,234 27
December,	"	17	401 $\frac{1}{2}$	10	198 $\frac{1}{2}$	4	83 $\frac{1}{2}$	1,584 96
January,	1875	17	195 $\frac{1}{2}$	8	45 $\frac{1}{2}$	4	20	838 04
February,	"	16	76	...	.....	..	...	336 00
March,	"	9	107	...	.....	..	...	406 87
April,	"	9	89	4	175 $\frac{1}{2}$	6	9 $\frac{1}{2}$	1,591 72
May,	"	25	334 $\frac{1}{2}$	12	219 $\frac{1}{2}$	6	126	1,939 17
June,	"	27	601 $\frac{1}{2}$	12	239 $\frac{1}{2}$	6	123 $\frac{1}{2}$	2,156 30
July,	"	33	631 $\frac{1}{2}$	11	169	4	126	2,259 68
August,	"	34	748	7	214	3	117	2,225 41
September,	"	31	443 $\frac{1}{2}$	4	52 $\frac{1}{2}$	2	15 $\frac{1}{2}$	1,203 97
			4,377 $\frac{1}{2}$		1,593 $\frac{1}{2}$		697	16,819 31
Last year,.....			6,542		3,010		.....	21,494 14
Decrease.....			2,164 $\frac{1}{2}$		1,417 $\frac{1}{2}$		.....	4,674 83



### RELIGIOUS INTERESTS.

Having noticed the secularities of the place, let me now ask your attention to that for which all these things are planned and executed: namely, Religion.

It is a matter of greatest satisfaction to keep steadily before the mind that the central fact of Ocean Grove is SALVATION! If a load of sand is moved, a mound brought low or a depression raised up, or an avenue opened, or whatever is done, it is that there may be a grander highway for the coming of our King. We therefore report these things with special joy.

Toiling for weary miles the ascent of some abrupt and lofty mountain, it is refreshing when we have gained the crown—though we pant for breath while wiping the perspiration from our brow—to turn and look upon the extended and inspiring scene below. We have reached the crowning summit of the season, and though somewhat wearied with the toil, turning to review the past, the abundance of the blessings refreshes and gives us rest.

The season has been protracted, and yet the most gratifying of all, by reason of the glory that excelleth. Words are too feeble to express the gratitude we feel in view of the fact that God, in his infinite goodness and mercy in Jesus Christ, has condescended to visit us at every meeting, from the commencement of the season until its end. To this statement there was not a single exception. Every service received, in a marked degree, the special benedictions of God. In some cases this was so gloriously true that the people lingered hour after hour, oblivious of time or surrounding circumstances, like the disciples of old on the summit of Tabor, beholding Jesus only, and from the fullness of their hearts ex-



claiming, in the raptures of a newly-enkindled love, "It is good for us to be here." Our special religious work on these grounds commenced on the first Sabbath of June. It was a memorable day. We commenced the ascent of the mount of privilege that day, walking with God in white. The Lord revealed himself most blessedly to our souls. The meetings multiplied, steadily increasing in number as the exigencies required, until sometimes there were not less than ten or twelve in a single day, amounting to little, if any, short of five hundred in all. At large numbers of these meetings, aside from the general interest and blessedness experienced by all worshipers, there were developed marked, definite and *immediate results*. Many found the Saviour in a clear experience of justification, and had the witness of the Spirit that they were born of God, and hundreds were brought into the clear light and blessed rest of faith.

On the first Sabbath of June we worshiped in Dr. Ward's tent, with a good congregation, though not full. On the second Sabbath we were just full. On the third Sabbath the tent would not hold the people. The fourth Sabbath we had the Tabernacle full. On the first Sabbath of July (the 4th) we worshiped under the new bower, Dr. Kynett preaching a grandly appropriate sermon to a vast congregation. On Monday, July 5th, a new flag was raised at the foot of Ocean Pathway, and at 10½ o'clock the Declaration of Independence was read by J. H. Thornley, Esq. and the President of the Association delivered the oration. The President of the United States was present, by invitation, and dined with us at the Pitman House.

On the following Friday the Ten Days' Meeting for the Promotion of Holiness commenced, and closed on the following Monday week. It was a very precious meeting, during the continuance of which many souls were brought into the clear light of full salvation, and went on their way rejoicing.

On Thursday afternoon, July 15th, during the continuance of the meeting, the congregation marched to the head of Main Avenue, and witnessed the ceremony of breaking the ground for the new St. Paul's M. E. Church at this place.

After the close of the Ten Days' Meeting, religious services continued on without interruption, twice, thrice or even more times each day, as circumstances suggested or required.

On Saturday, July 31st, the celebration of our Sixth Anniversary commenced. The stand was handsomely decorated, a programme of fine music was arranged, and at 10 o'clock the exercises commenced by singing

"Praise God, from whom all blessings flow."

The President of the Association delivered an Historical Address\* with a

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\*This Address is printed in full at the close of this Report.

large congregation before him—Bishop Scott in a chair on his left, and a vacant chair on his right for the President of the United States, who had been invited, and who arrived during the delivery of the address. Most of the members of the Association occupied places on the stand.

In the afternoon a large and enthusiastic Young People's Meeting was held, and eloquent addresses were delivered by Frank Cookman, Albert Mann, S. W. Smith, J. L. Hays and G. W. Evans. At the close of this service the Vase was unveiled in Memorial Square, the corner stone of St. Paul's Church was laid by Bishop Scott, and in the evening the Anniversary prayer meeting was held.

On Sabbath morning, August 1st, Bishop Scott preached a great sermon to a great congregation. In the afternoon 4,000 or 5,000 attended the Anniversary love feast. At 6 P. M. a beach meeting was held, and at night brief addresses at the stand closed the day. The occasion will long be remembered, and its influence was good.

Next in order followed, though the intervals were still filled up with three or four religious meetings each day, the 'Two-Days' Temperance Meeting, August 11 and 12. The influence of these two days' meetings was profoundly salutary upon all, and must be felt for long ages to come, and I doubt not will tell favorably on immortal destinies. If we could be sure of another meeting equally pure, elevated and blessed in character, we could not appropriate our grounds for a few days to a better service.

August 17th, our Annual Camp-Meeting commenced. The Divine blessing rested on the first service, and although it rained almost every day, the interest continued increasing unto the end, often culminating like the billows of the sea, and then breaking in overwhelming blessedness on every soul.

The congregations were vast, the Ministers and laity were never more faithful, the singing was superior, the sermons all good, some of them masterly illustrations of pulpit power, until the great congregations bent before them like forests bowing before the march of the blast. Scarcely a service that some one was not lifted out of self and into God. Many were clearly converted, and scores and hundreds I believe many hundreds during the course of the Summer, came into the blessedness of full salvation. To be definite as to numbers is impossible, as the work went on not only at the altar in the public meetings, but in the side services, at prayer and experience meetings, in the cottages, tents and boarding houses, along the beach, in the early morning meetings, at noon, evening and midnight—often, too, after persons had left the ground, they sent word back that in their distant homes in Ohio, Pennsylvania, New

York and other places, they had found the Lord of life and glory, under influences brought to bear upon them here.

The Young People's Meetings were wonderfully owned of God. The Children's Meeting resulted in the conversion of about forty of the precious lambs of the flock. There was but one sentiment: it was the best meeting ever held upon these grounds.

After the Camp-Meeting closed, the services still continued with great interest and fervor, many over and over saying that the last meeting held was better than all that had preceded it, until Sabbath evening, October 3d, at which time, as had been the case many times before, a soul was converted, and then the meetings were handed over to the Pastor and brethren of St. Paul's Church, to continue as might seem appropriate. And here I wish to record what may be without a parallel in the history of our Church—a Camp-Meeting continuing from the first Sabbath in June to the first Sabbath in October, a period of just four months, without any abatement of interest or religious power!

### SABBATH SCHOOL.

The Sabbath School at Ocean Grove is one of its most important departments. The numbers and general attention given to the studies this season, have greatly exceeded any former year. One of the most inspiring scenes upon which our eyes have rested, was to witness gray-haired men and women, with sprightly youths, seated side-by-side, sometimes to the number of two thousand, here led by a timid young woman, and there by a grave Doctor of Divinity—all poring over the precious Bible, and gathering therefrom lessons of truth to guide their steps through the future path of life, or to support them in the solemn hour of death.

This department of our work is of great advantage to the Church at large; studying, as it does, the "International Berean Series," it keeps the thousands of children who spend the Summer here, abreast in their lessons with those who remain at home: so that, while enjoying their vacation by the sea, they really lose no time. Besides this, during the progress of these services, hundreds of persons passing, who have never been interested in such things, look in, become interested, and are benefitted, while at the same time a higher inspiration is awakened in the general work because of the enthusiasm of numbers, and the roll and burst of song almost unequaled in volume, as it is hallowed and heavenward in its influence.

The School was well supplied with Sabbath School papers, lesson leaves and other requisites, and cost to run it during the season the very moderate sum of \$57, which was paid by an appropriation from the treasury,

and the books from which so many inspiring songs were sung, were generously donated by Bro. Bruce. The Association can make no better appropriation of a small portion of its funds from year to year than that which is given to help forward this blessed work.

The School is regularly organized, and is officered as follows :

JOSEPH H. THORNLEY, Superintendent.

JOSEPH McPHERSON, Assistant Superintendent.

FRANK S. COOKMAN, Secretary.

G. W. EVANS and J. L. HAYS, Sunday School Committee.

W. DEY, Librarian.

E. M. BRUCE, Organist and Chorister,

Aided by Bros. TRUITT, OVES, STAFFORD and others.

It should be mentioned, too, that in June, before the numbers became sufficiently large to formally open the School, and after its close in September, meetings were held regularly every Sabbath afternoon, at which the lesson for the day was gone over, and although the numbers were greatly diminished, yet the interest never ceased.

#### OCEAN GROVE CHURCH.

It is matter of thanksgiving that the St. Paul's Methodist Episcopal Church, for the resident citizens of Ocean Grove, Asbury Park and the adjacent neighborhoods, located on the turnpike, just south of the main entrance to our grounds, is in course of erection, and about enclosed. We greatly hope that this important enterprise will go forward without interruption, to its completion, and that the same liberal spirit which has characterized its friends will continue to the end, so that the work may be finished and the house dedicated free from debt. The contract for the building complete is \$8,000, more than half of which is collected or on good subscription. The Association donated the ground and \$1,000 to aid the cause.

#### MINISTERS' HOME.

Last year this subject came before you in the form of an application from the Ladies of Ocean Grove for lots on which to erect a building to be used for this purpose. The request was granted, and a committee appointed to select a site. From various causes no advance movement was made in the work. At a special meeting of the Association, held in August last, the use of Grove Cottage was granted to the ladies for the purpose named. It is the intention of these ladies to change, improve and furnish the same, and they hope to receive such encouragement in the form of subscriptions and money as will enable them to open the house for the reception of visitors at the commencement of the coming season.



## PRESERVATION OF LIFE.

Last year I called your attention to the fact, with expressions of devout gratitude to Almighty God, that we had passed through the five years of our history without fatal accident by land, lake or sea. I have now, with (if possible) intenser emotions of adoring love, to add another year to these exemptions. Six years of our history, with all these increasing thousands of people, many of them young, others inexperienced, and often through thoughtlessness venturing beyond the bounds of prudence in the sea, while multitudes of children row upon or play in the waters of our lakes, yet a merciful providence has spared us the sorrow of a single death from drowning. This, in view of the great numbers who enjoy the boating and bathing at Ocean Grove, is as gratifying as it is remarkable, and should cause us to feel increasing thankfulness and a still holier trust in God.

## CENTENNIAL YEAR.

We shall soon enter upon the first centennial of our country. It will be a year of great activity. New and numerous demands will be made upon us. It behooves us, as Christian men, wisely to forecast and prepare for the responsibilities as they may come. The Rail Road and the Centennial year, together with the higher reputation gained by this place the past season as a Christian seaside resort, will make the coming the most important and responsible of any year of our history. A wise and steady policy with regard to the moral and religious character of the place, must be maintained, and such arrangements, in view of heavy expenses, for placing our property advantageously before the public, so that a judicious disposal of it may be had, is of the first importance.

I therefore make the following

## RECOMMENDATIONS.

1st. Let all our lands be surveyed and laid out in lots. Let all our avenues be opened, graded, and (wherever lots are sold) curbed. Let Fletcher Lake be cleared out, beautified and made navigable for small boats as far out as the Rail Road, so that, should a depot be located there, persons can receive and convey their friends by boat to a point near their homes. This will involve heavy expense, to meet which arrangements can be made without waiting for the income in the regular way.

2d. The long perplexed and vexing stage question is about solved. Stages to Ocean Grove have had their day. I therefore recommend that as soon as the contract with Mr. Stiles expires, which will be in February next, the stables required for stages be all removed from our grounds, and that no similar grants be hereafter made. An order should also require



private stables to be so painted or washed as to present an agreeable appearance. The present condition of things about the stables prevents the sale of lots for several blocks around. An improvement must be made.

3d. It will be found, upon an examination of our map, that the grounds of Grove Cottage extend entirely across Heck Avenue, and thus obstruct the passage in that direction. An order should be made, before the Ladies enter upon its occupancy, for the removal of the back buildings towards the main cottage, and Heck Avenue opened up to Lawrence.

4th. The long and constant use, by so many thousands of people through the Summer months, has so worn the congregation grounds that little depressions are found between the trees in every direction, until in many places the roots are exposed and bare, which, if allowed to continue, will greatly injure their growth, if it does not destroy their life; besides, the earth being packed in these depressions, the water stands in them after rains, for a considerable time, to the great annoyance of the passing multitudes. I therefore recommend that these depressions be filled up so as to cover the roots, and prevent the pools of standing water. This should be done this Fall, so that the ground will be hard and solid by next Spring.

5th. I have already called your attention to the frame in front of the stand. It is, as you have seen, a substantial structure. But it needs a roof as a thorough protection from the rain. For want of this we were constantly annoyed last Summer. True, we have the Tabernacle, but the Tabernacle itself was leaky, and, had it been perfectly dry, would not have accommodated half the people. We need the Tabernacle and a roof on the frame as well. Without this we are never safe. Some object that it will destroy the rural appearance to roof it; but a simple roof, without sides, will make so little change in the appearance as to be scarcely noticed from the outside—and knowing, as I do, the great inconvenience from the rain, as well as the danger to the health of the people from sitting with the feet on the damp ground for hours, I most earnestly recommend that the frame be roofed.

6th. We need accommodations for more meetings during the height of the season. Dr. Ward's tent, the Tabernacle, and front of the stand are all we have. Sometimes we greatly need accommodations for two or three more meetings, all of which could be successfully run at the same time, had we the places to hold them. I therefore renew my recommendation of last year, to erect a frame building, or partial frame, or purchase a canvass tent the size of Dr. Ward's, or larger, so that meetings can be multiplied at will. I think this need will be greater next year than ever.

7th. The sanitary condition of the Grove, as already mentioned, was never better than during the past Summer; nevertheless, if we keep it so amid our increasing population, great care is necessary. Wherever, therefore, a new building is erected, we are seeing to it that cemented brick vaults, at least four feet deep, and deeper if the family is large, are built; and I most earnestly recommend that a law be enacted requiring each cottage owner, where this is not already done, to have such vault constructed. No intelligent person, looking at the question in the light of facts and possibilities, will hesitate for a moment as to the expense, for should sickness occur, he would lose immediately, in personal discomfort and depreciation of values, vastly more than the comparatively trifling cost of the improvement. Besides, it is simple justice to those who have complied with the rule, that all be now required to do the same. I therefore urge upon you to pass an act, imperative in its character, to the above effect, and make it obligatory upon some one, specifically named, who, upon pain of censure in case of neglect, shall give immediate notice of the law, and then see that it is executed without exception in every case. Also, that every vault be cleaned before the first of February in each and every year.

The drainage question, too, is one that needs attention. In many cases the waste water from the kitchen is allowed to fall immediately around the pump, and sooner or later must more or less affect the water. Drain pipe, leading to a cess-pool far enough off to secure the water of the well from infection, should invariably be used. With these precautions, and careful attention (as in the past) to the removal of garbage, and general surface cleanliness, I think, with the blessing of God, we shall be safe from contagion and disease.

8th. A Horse Rail Road from the southwestern section of our grounds, down Broadway to Ocean Avenue, thence up to Sea-View, up Sea-View to Central, then to Main, and so out, would be a convenience, perhaps at no distant day a necessity. I ask your attention to its consideration, without a clear judgment, on my own part, as to whether the time for it has fully come.

9th. I recommend that the engine, now the property of the Association, be placed in the custody of a company, organized by themselves, of persons permanently upon the grounds, and that said company keep it in working condition and ready for service at all times; that the front room of the engine house be plastered, and used as a reading room for the public, the fire company being responsible for its proper use and care.

10th. The bathing privileges, south of Main Avenue, have not been satisfactory during the past Summer, and some relief will be sought at

your hands by the citizens on that part of the grounds. The bathing houses there are not sightly, and are so located, too, as to be offensive.

11th. The plot of ground, now vacant, between the lumber yard and Rev. A. Wallace's store, from Pitman Avenue running north to the tenting ground, opposite Mt. Carmel Way, I recommend to be put in grass, and laid out in walks according to a plan herewith submitted; then when the lumber yard is removed and the Pitman House finished, the neighborhood will be beautiful.

12th. Inasmuch as many parties buy lots and allow them to remain for years without improvement in any way whatever, to the great disadvantage of their neighbors and the Association, I recommend that the 10 per cent. for cash be not allowed on the sale of lots unless the purchasers enter into obligations to improve the same in some way, either by cleaning up or building thereon within a specified time.

13th. I raise the question whether, in view of facts as they now exist among us, together with the coming of the Rail Road, with its additional travelers, it would not be well to employ, through the Winter, a night police—a precaution we have not hitherto taken.

I have thus passed in review before you the principal and prominent features of our work, both material and spiritual, for the year just closed, and yet there are a thousand details connected with these works, not mentioned or now remembered. The last day alone will reveal them. There is much that probably could have been better done, yet, with the light and strength and means at our command, we have done the best we could. Sorry that it is no better, we are glad it is no worse.

It gives us joy, too, to say that while our numbers have been greater than ever, many of whom were strangers, and consequently unacquainted with our regulations, yet the general order was never better, or the Sabbath observance more complete; and it would not be modest in us to quote the hundredth part of what has been written or spoken, in public or in private, concerning the sanctity of our grounds or the blessedness of our work. The sixth Summer of meetings upon these grounds, with all the hundreds of thousands who have engaged in them, has passed away, and yet the word "order" has never yet been called for or uttered from the stand. To God be glory!

You will be called upon, at this meeting, to fill a place in this body which has been declared vacant. May divine wisdom guide in the selection of a successor.

I close this long, and yet I feel imperfect report, with my tender of sincere thanks to the brethren of the Executive Committee, who have

often, at personal inconvenience and sacrifice, responded to calls made upon them, and who have patiently waded through the business brought before them ; and also to the Treasurer, Superintendent, foreman, police and laborers, for courtesies and help, always cheerfully rendered and faithfully performed.

May the benedictions of the blessed henceforth rest upon our souls and on our work.

Once more commending you to God, I am, as ever, yours in Jesus.

E. H. STOKES, *President.*

*Ocean Grove, N. J., October, 1875.*





## OCEAN GROVE.

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### HISTORICAL ADDRESS,

DELIVERED AT ITS SIXTH ANNIVERSARY, JULY 31ST, 1875,

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE ASSOCIATION.

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Ocean Grove is not an accident. Far back in the history of the past—indeed from the beginning—rest from the wear and tear of human life has been a necessity. Human nature, in its mental and physical conditions, cannot endure uninterrupted toil. In the earlier ages life was simpler, and the habits of men such as to afford somewhat of the needed rest in the rural pursuits furnished from day to day. But as time rolled on, and a higher type of civilization prevailed, brain and nerve were taxed to the last extreme by these refinements, until the physical was often prostrated, and the mind imperiled.

When Jesus came into the world, the race was weary. He moved among men in the unassuming majesty of his divinity, blessing the toil-worn, until, worn himself, he said to his disciples, “Let us turn aside into a desert place and rest a while.” This was not to gratify a desire for mere worldly pleasure, but to meet an absolute physical and mental demand. A time comes when humanity must rest; hence night and sleep, and Sabbath day, and year of Jubilee. But in our own land, and during the last half century, trade has grown to vast proportions, so that from the merchant prince to the vender of the smallest wares—the news-boy and boot-black—each and all find competitors which seem to say with a voice almost omnipotent, “Thus far, but no farther”; while he whose mission is to deal chiefly with the intellect and heart—the statesman in the halls of legislation, the orator on the platform, the minister in the pulpit, the scientist in his investigations, the author at his table, to meet the heavy strain made upon him by an increasing intellectual age, finds himself worn until brain and muscle both cry out with a voice that takes no denial, *Rest!* These statements are stern and rugged, and admit of little or no abatement. The haggard brow, the tottering steps, the irritated nerves, the sudden paralysis, the multiplying victims of the insane



asylum—all cry, *Overwork!* These truths are of general application, and their force and magnitude daily increase.

Years ago the citizen said, “What shall we do for relief?” Spend a few weeks or a month with a friend in the country, was among the things suggested. But as the population increased, there were more needing such places than there were places to be had, to say nothing of the burden that such an arrangement imposed upon the country housewife. Then Summer resorts sprung up to meet a *felt want*. The mountains, sea-shore, valleys, glens, cataracts, sulphur springs and riversides were sought out, and soon became centers of attraction. Cape May and the Catskills are among our first remembrances. These all had their adherents, and served their purpose, and do so still. But there was another element of society increasing, and becoming more and more powerful every day, yet unprovided for. It was the Religious element. For a long while, and by many, it was thought that to become a Christian was to ignore almost everything but the Bible, prayer and absolute seclusion. A better education, however, revealed the fact that a man might be a Christian, and yet in a proper and religious sense enjoy all that was really good upon the earth—indeed, that the religious man is the only one who, in the true sense, enjoys the world. There was a class of religious men, too, worn down with the toils of professional and business life, whose nerves and brain needed rest like other men, and they said, one to another, “We want to enjoy the sea, and the air, the bathing and the fishing—the sea and the air are God’s works, and for us—and we need them. Can we not have them, free from the dissipations and follies of fashionable watering places, and at a cost within our means?” These were important questions, and were asked by thousands. To these men the fashionable watering places had no attractions—neither the society nor employments were congenial. The cost, too, was more than their income would allow. We wanted to rest, and recreate—to fish, to sail, to bathe, to walk along the surf, to admire the sublime and beautiful on the calm or stormy sea, to inhale the ocean air—to enjoy from year to year all that nature had in store for us, but all to be subordinate to the religion of Christ—indeed, to have Christ supreme. This we desired, because we knew that all recreation, or so called pleasure, divorced from religion, would degenerate into absolute sin, and instead of being rest, would prove exhausting labor. Not only should all pleasure be subordinate to religion, but pleasure taken in the name of the Lord is a thousand times sweeter from that fact alone. Religion and recreation should go hand in hand. Separate them, and religion grows morose, and recreation will soon become sinful. Blended, both are beautiful. The first crude thought was to find somewhere

along the coast a little plot of ground where a few of us might get the privilege of pitching our tents for a while in Summer, where we could enjoy ourselves, having such religious services intermingled as convenience or inclination might suggest. But it was a long while before the crude thought gathered sufficient strength to assume a definite shape. Meanwhile the Vineland Camp-Meeting for the promotion of Holiness was held. It was a success: but the shade was not good, and Rev. J. R. Andrews, then pastor of the Vineland Church, and Rev. W. B. Osborn, selected and determined on the purchase of a better grove in the immediate vicinity, for the establishment of a permanent Camp-Meeting ground. But, through some misapprehension, the purchase was defeated. It was well; God was in the defeat. Vineland was not the place. The brethren above referred to then said, "Let us select a Camp-ground by the sea-side, and then the desired rest and the great salvation needed can be secured at the same time." They agreed; the coast was explored, and the Seven-Mile Beach, Cape May county, N. J., was fixed upon as the spot, and was to be purchased by Andrews and Osborn for \$50,000, a pretty round sum for two poor Methodist Preachers—but they had faith and zeal, though little money. They went to Philadelphia to complete the purchase, when Andrews said to Osborn, "There is one thing we have forgotten." "What is that?" said Osborn. "*The mosquitoes*," replied Andrews. "We don't want to buy the mosquitoes." "That's so," said Osborn, and the purchase was abandoned. That was well, too, for Seven-Mile Beach was not the place. Bro. Osborn was appointed agent for the Vineland Seminary. In that capacity he traveled largely through the State, and talked up the matter of a sea-side Summer resort for Ministers, and the long-cherished idea of a Camp-Meeting by the sea. In the selection of a suitable place, the whole New Jersey coast, from Cape May to Sandy Hook, was carefully explored.

The grounds we now occupy were first visited by Rev. W. B. Osborn and Rev. Geo. Neal, then Pastor of First Church, Long Branch, in February, 1868, a deep snow being on the ground. They first inclined to a point of land on what is now the Asbury Park side, nearest the lake and the sea. The second visit was a few weeks later; Osborn, Neal and Rev. R. M. Stratton, then Pastor of the Centenary Church, Long Branch, being the company. They explored the grounds pretty thoroughly, but reached no definite conclusion. After that, Bro. Osborn brought Dr. Geo. F. Brown and Rev. W. E. Perry, P. E., to view the locality, but no advance was made, and the matter was allowed to rest until the coming Summer. Osborn then came alone, and examined all the grounds in the neighborhood. The time was more propitious to select a Camp-

ground than in bleak Winter. All things considered, our present locality, being high and dry, with lakes on either side, a pleasant and shady grove, with splendid ocean front for bathing, was finally fixed upon as best adapted to our wants, and "Ocean Grove" at once adopted as a name.

At the time of the selection of this land as a place of operation, scarcely anything could have been rougher. It was wilderness, desert, desolation. Silence reigned. After passing Great Pond, the northern boundary of Asbury Park, all was an unbroken solitude. A serpentine and heavy sand road, wide enough for only a single wagon track, was all that penetrated the forest. Crossing what was then Long Pond, now Wesley Lake, and turning into the thicket just where our gates are, at the head of Main Avenue, our driver (the first time we entered the grounds, May, 1869), stood in the front of his carriage and lifted the limbs so as to crowd our conveyance through the brush and drooping boughs of the trees. We came down by a blind road, the brush tearing and scratching our curtains at every step, and stopped just in the rear of this stand, by the cedar tree which yet remains as a memorial of the fact. It was a dark, dreary, drizzly day. The sands hedged us in like petrified billows of the sea, while outside of these banks were knolls and depressions, covered with long beach grass, the picture of desolation; while the sea moaned in the distance as if in unutterable sorrow that it had been doomed for long ages to wash the shore of a land so utterly destitute of every attraction. The grove was a tangled wild-wood, where briars scratched and bushes tore. The heavens were black, the grass wet, and the sands half-knee deep. We alighted from our carriage, and went forth to explore, Osborn leading, and dilating, with all the energy of which he is capable, upon the wonderful beauties of the place. And, strange to say, black as were the heavens, wet as was the grass, deep as was the sand, moaning as did the sea, we had not traveled far before the conviction seized every mind, that, dismal and destitute as it was, it possessed capabilities of being made to bloom and blossom as the rose—and while we stood on the sand-drifts south of what is now Main Avenue, and looked out over the great wide sea, it seemed to us that a more magnificent site for cottages could hardly be found.

At that time, between Great Pond and Shark River, east of the main road, a distance of nearly four miles, there were *thirty-four* inhabitants. On the grounds now owned by the Ocean Grove Camp-Meeting Association, (about 300 acres), there were but four persons, namely, Charles Rogers, wife and two children. On the grounds now known as Asbury Park, there was not a single inhabitant. And yet, dark and dismal as

was that day, destitute as was the earth of cultivation, and wild as was the scene on every hand, it did not seem lonely then, and never has.

This was the condition of things when a few families, about twenty persons in all, met on these grounds on the last week of July, 1869. Our tents, poor, dingy and old, (ten and number), were located about as follows: Rev. W. B. Osborn was near the northeast edge of what is now Thompson Park, under quite a large hickory tree, which, unfortunately and greatly to our regret, is now nearly or quite dead. Near him was the tent of Rev. J. H. Stockton and Rev. G. Hughes. A little south of these was Orville Howland, of Troy, brother of Charles E. Howland, of the Pitman House; then a few yards north, on the immediate lake front, on the rise of ground in Thompson Park, just where Pilgrim Pathway curves into Lake Avenue, was the tent of J. H. Thornley, Esq., of Philadelphia. In this tent the first meeting was held. A little north of the ravine—which ran down to the lake about where Pilgrim's Pathway lies—was a tent, occupied for a night or two by our beloved Alfred Cookman. Next to that, about where the Cookman cottage stands, was the tent of E. H. Stokes; near him, still a little north, was R. J. Andrews, then Gardner Howland and Joseph Hillman, both of Troy. Next to them, adjoining Rev. B. M. Adams' cottage, were two tents and a boarding table, kept by John Martin. George Franklin, with a few men engaged in clearing away the underbrush, had located, some time before, in a tent about where the Mathews Cottage has since been built.

This was the company, and here, amid these rude arrangements, they enjoyed themselves for several days. They had religious services in their own tents as they had in their families at home; but there was no united religious worship until Tuesday night, July 31st. That evening the moon arose about 9 o'clock. It was proposed to go down to the beach in order to have a good view of this interesting event, but Mrs. J. H. Thornley said she thought we ought to have a prayer-meeting. Others said, "Yes, but where shall we hold it?" "In my tent," was Sister Thornley's reply. "It is well," several responded; "let us have a prayer-meeting"; and Sister Thornley set herself to fix up for the meeting. Candles were lit, and seats were extemporized. Part of the company went to the sea, and part remained to pray. Of that prayer-meeting, Rev. G. Hughes wrote at the time, in the "Methodist Home Journal" of August 7th, 1869, as follows:

#### "A REMARKABLE WEEK.

"A company of Ministers and laymen, with their families, had the week previously tented at Ocean Grove. On Tuesday evening the friends were invited to meet in one of the tents. Rev. E. H. Stokes, Presiding



Elder of New Brunswick District, led the exercises in a prayer of wonderful unction. He took fast hold of the Eternal Throne. All hearts were drawn into the exercise, invoking divine aid in this new enterprise. The tokens of divine presence were unmistakable and glorious. The heavens were bent in gracious manifestations. Oh, as the pleading man of God grew vehement in the request that we "*might have a single eye*," there was a deep and thrilling response to that utterance.

"After a somewhat protracted season of prayer, the Elder, evidently struggling under extraordinary emotion, rose to speak. The thought that pressed upon him at that hour was the nearness of the spirit-world, and the undoubted presence of the pure ones. He felt that there was only a thin veil intervening. He referred to the fact that just seven years ago that day a beloved daughter had gone to join the glorified. His heart was full—full of painful memories in view of that departure, and full of exultation that for seven years she had been developing her redeemed powers in the realm celestial.

"Then (with an emphasis not to be forgotten) our brother said he felt, in view of the undertaking before us, like quoting the first verse of the inspired word, stopping in the middle: '*In the beginning, God;*' and, added, '*Lo, God is here*'—here in the beginning, and he trusted would be in the continuance, *and to the end*.

"Mrs. R. J. Andrews was moved to speak in a similar strain, saying that she had been impressed with the fact that spirits from the excellent glory were very near.

"The occasion made an indelible impression on the minds of those present. The seal is on the work. The Lord has taken possession of Ocean Grove. The sense of his presence was deep and all-pervading during the week. The history of the week is comprehensively and truthfully written in the expressive sentence flowing so unctuously from the Elder's lips: '*In the beginning, God!*' "

Before the meeting closed, the party which went to the beach had seen the moon rise from the sea, and joined us in the tent. The whole company took hold of God. Joseph Hillman sung some of his wonderful songs, and the first meeting at Ocean Grove was one never to be forgotten in the annals of time or eternity. The names of the persons in the tent meeting were as follows: Jos. H. Thornley and wife, Philadelphia; R. J. Andrews and wife, New Jersey; Gardiner Howland and wife, Troy, N. Y.; Wm. Manahan, Long Branch; Jos. Hillman, wife and daughter, Troy, N. Y.; Wm. B. Osborn, wife and son, Farmingdale, N. J.; Geo. Hughes, New Jersey; Orville Howland and wife, Troy, N. Y.; J. H. Stockton, New Jersey; John Martin, wife and daughter, Greenville, N. J.; E. H. Stokes and wife, Red Bank, N. J.—twenty-two in all, every one of whom at this writing is alive.

Wesley Lake, then Long Pond, now dotted with over four hundred nicely trimmed and painted boats: and Fletcher Lake, then Goose Pond, having twenty-three, had then but a single craft, a clumsy superannuated



fishing boat, which Bro. Osborn had bought for a small sum of the fishermen along shore, and had christened her the "Barbara Heck." This craft could carry, without much inconvenience, nearly if not quite the whole population of Ocean Grove at that time, at a single trip. Bishop Simpson and his lady honored this old craft with their presence, and in it sailed along Wesley Lake up through the wilds towards the bridge, and thought the ride was very fine. But alas! one stormy night Wesley Lake, wearied with its long imprisonment, slipped out to sea, and with it carried the old Barbara Heck, since which time all efforts for its recovery have been without avail.

Some days after the prayer meeting referred to, Bro. Osborn thought we must hold a kind of Camp-Meeting. The place fixed on was about where D. H. Brown's cottage stands. Two loads of boards were hauled from Long Branch, pine logs were cut, and on these the boards were placed for seats. A stand, rude as could be, holding three or four persons, a little straw scattered around, and invitations to the few people in the neighborhood being sent out, we were ready for work.

Edgar Orville Howland, of Troy, N. Y., an exhorter, held the first religious service at this little Camp-Meeting, the theme of discourse being "partakers of Christ," suggested by Heb. 11, 14: the congregation numbering thirty or forty persons. It was a very small, but very good meeting. It soon came to an end, however; and we all went home greatly pleased and profited with our visit the sea.

Up to the time of this meeting, there had been no purchase of lands, save the one-third of a third of one hundred acres, fishing tract, directly along the surf, of Britton White, for \$50. The deed for this had just been obtained, and Bro. Osborn, in company with Charles Rogers, went down to see his new possession. It was eleven acres of sand, nothing more, nothing less—just as good and pure sand as the world produces! As they walked and talked, Bro. Rogers saw something at his feet that resembled a coin. He did not pick it up, but called Bro. Osborn's attention to it. He stooped and took it in his hand. They both said it was a rusty old English penny, but upon further inspection it proved to be a Spanish silver dollar—the same that I now present to you. This was regarded as an augury for good.

Soon after this it was decided to purchase a few acres, lying in the grove, immediately along the northern lake, and enough beach land to give us a passage to the sea; and here in this small compass a few of us proposed, in the simplest and most unostentatious way, to assemble from year to year, and enjoy our Summer rest in bathing, fishing, worshipping, or sauntering socially along the shore, free from the heavy cares which

we felt resting upon us—welcoming from the immediate neighborhood such as might choose to join us in our simple service by the sea. It was no speculation—no scheme for raising money, no device of any kind ; but simply and singly social, recreative and religious—mainly, excepting the few neighbors who might desire to worship with us, for ourselves alone. The great world we did not seek, but shunned. We wanted simply to rest and recuperate.

As our plans became known, however, others wished to unite with us, and we were earnestly desired so to extend our enterprise as to include all who sought similar relief from the heavy cares of professional or business life. Yielding to this request, a meeting was held on the 22d day of December, 1869, in the Trinity M. E. Church, Trenton, N. J., of which the lamented Lawrence was then Pastor, and an Association, consisting of thirteen Ministers and thirteen laymen was formed, and a charter soon after obtained from the New Jersey Legislature, under the following title : “ *The Ocean Grove Camp-Meeting Association of the Methodist Episcopal Church.*” The following paragraphs precede the charter :

“ Recognizing the beauty of the Scripture declaration, ‘ The earth is the Lord’s, and the fullness thereof ’ ; and being specially impressed with the propriety of having a portion of the land skirting the sea consecrated to sacred uses, we whose names are hereunto annexed, with a single eye to the divine glory, and in humble dependence upon our Heavenly Father’s aid, do hereby solemnly covenant together to use certain land which has been providentially committed to our trust, for these high and holy purposes. And we further declare it to be our design to keep these lands a *perpetual* oblation upon Christ’s altar, enjoining the same duty upon those who may succeed us. To this end we mutually pledge our Christian honor.”

The By-Laws declare the objects of the Association to be as follows : “ To provide for the holding of Camp-Meetings of an elevated character, especially for the promotion of Christian holiness ; and to afford to those who would spend a few days or weeks at the sea-shore, an opportunity to do so at moderate cost, free from the temptations to dissipation usually found at fashionable watering places.”

Any surplus funds remaining to the corporation, after defraying the necessary expenses for improvements or otherwise, are to be devoted to such benevolent objects as may be determined by the Association at its regular meetings.

The names of the twenty-six original members of the Association, each of whom paid twenty-five dollars to constitute a fund with which to commence our work, are found in the charter in the following order : Ell-

wood H. Stokes, Ruliff V. Lawrence, George Hughes, William B. Osborn, David H. Brown, John S. Inskip, William H. Boole, Benjamin M. Adams, Alfred Cookman, Adam Wallace, John H. Stockton, Aaron E. Ballard, William Franklin, Robert J. Andrews, Joseph H. Thornley, George W. Evans, Christopher Sickler, George Franklin, Samuel T. Williams, William Manahan, John Martin, George W. Cheeseman, James Black, Oliver L. Gardner, Gardiner Howland and William F. Jordan.

Three of these, namely, Alfred Cookman, R. V. Lawrence and George Franklin, have died. Six others, viz. : Wm. H. Boole, S. T. Williams, Wm. Manahan, O. L. Gardner, Gardiner Howland and Wm. F. Jordan, have ceased to be members. The vacancies by death and otherwise have been filled by the election of J. H. Alday, M. D., Rev. J. R. Daniels, J. L. Hays, Esq., Rev. I. Simmons, T. T. Tasker, Esq., Holmes Murphy, Esq., Stephen Rogers, Esq., and Geo. J. Hamilton, Esq.

From the original twenty-six a board of officers was elected, with your speaker as President.

He immediately felt, in assuming the duties of the office, that a great work had been undertaken, and said that inasmuch as all the members of the Association had their callings, which absorbed their time, it was a necessity, in view of the magnitude of the enterprise, that the superintendence of the work upon the grounds should be the undivided business of some one person. So all felt. It was then proposed to secure from the New Jersey Conference the services of Rev. W. B. Osborn as superintendent : which being done, the work commenced.

The incipient movements were to clear a part of the Grove from underbrush, stake out the lots, and secure as soon as possible a hundred subscribers for lots at \$50 each. This was soon done, and on the first day of June, 1870, the subscribers came to claim their property. It was mutually decided that the choice should be sold at auction. The first choice brought \$86, and was paid by James A. Bradley, Esq., now of Asbury Park, for the lake lot (still vacant) lying between W. P. Breck's and the cottage of Rev. B. M. Adams. The premiums for lots on the ocean front ran down as low as \$1, and lots bought there for \$51, have since in some instances been sold as high as \$1,500. The aggregate of premiums on that day amounted to \$1,500, which was thought to be a great success.

The price of lots then advanced to \$75, then to \$125, and finally to \$250. After this, other purchases were made by the Association ; but the whole land question in connection with Ocean Grove, has a history, which, if ever written in full, will be found to possess an interest amounting to more than romance, because thrilled with facts that pushed us out often to the crumbling verge of despair, and unless relief had come from

God, must sooner or later have involved some of us, though innocent and pure in these transactions as the first-born sons of light, in irretrievable disaster, if not utter ruin. But to the trusting heart there never yet was a Red Sea of difficulty that some Moses was not found ready and able to smite and divide the waters. So here. After eighteen months of weary watching, working, waiting and praying, till hope began to grow sick with the long delay, it was found that our title to a part of our lands, for which we had paid five hundred dollars, and on the strength of which we had surveyed our property, sold lots, and on which cottages had been built, was worthless! but could (as a *special favor to us!*) be made perfect by the payment of seventeen thousand dollars more! We thought that we were wronged, and that you were wronged, for every dollar of income to this Association is to the interest of every lot-holder—yet we accepted the situation as the best we could do, and regarding this sum as the potent rod to divide our Red Sea, we marched in and through as on dry ground, and on the shore of deliverance sung a song of gratitude, as hearty as Miriam and the host did when they saw their foes defeated—heartier, if possible: for the Israelites' peril and deliverance were simply temporal, while ours was reputational, spiritual, and might have been eternal.

But these remarks are largely general. In order to give a more definite idea of the perplexities of Ocean Grove land questions, I may state that the whole property, consisting of about two hundred and sixty-six acres,\* was acquired by the purchase of ten different tracts, for which ten deeds had to be given. To validate these deeds required ninety-two signatures, but in the transfer (several different parties being interested in the same tract), some of the names had to be obtained as many as four times, and each time with increased difficulty. The actual number of different owners was forty-four. The following are the names of the parties from whom the grounds were bought:

BRITTON WHITE,	JAMES A. BRADLEY,
CAROLINE WHITE,	HELEN M. BRADLEY,
THEO. FIELDS,	JAMES WHITE,
SARAH FIELDS,	SARAH WHITE,
JAMES FIELDS,	WILLIAM C. WHITE,
CHARLOTTE HUBBARD,	DRUMMOND WHITE,
SUSAN BORDEN,	HANNAH A. WHITE.
ANDREWETTA S. BRINLEY,	GOYAN DRUMMOND,
JOSEPH WHITE,	DIVINE ALGOR,
SARAH E. WHITE,	JOHN E. WHITE,
WILLIAM THORNE,	YOUMANS B. WHITE,
MARTHA A. THORNE,	HENRY WHITE,
WILLIAM SWANTON,	ELIZABETH WHITE,

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\*Now about 300 acres.



ANN SWANTON,  
CHARLES ROGERS,  
MARY E. ROGERS,  
WILLIAM FIELDS,  
JOHN SICKLES,  
HENRY FIELDS,  
RUTH ANN FIELDS,  
JACOB FIELDS,  
HELEN R. RUSSELL,

RUSSELL WHITE,  
WILLIAM W. JEFFREY,  
JANE JEFFREY,  
BORDEN W. SANFORD,  
DEBORAH SANFORD,  
BENJAMIN WHITE,  
JENNIE WHITE,  
FRANCES CORLIS,  
MARTHA C. CORLIS.

And when it is remembered that these were scattered through different States, some minors, others in peculiar mental conditions, and all to be consulted, and such arrangements made with them as the almost endless variety of circumstances and views of the case demanded, the adjustment of the questions at all seems to us nothing short of divine interposition. The chief human agent in unraveling these entanglements, was D. H. Brown, Esq., Treasurer of Ocean Grove Camp-Meeting Association, whose patience in the matter has only been equaled by the intense desire he has felt to see all these questions brought to a satisfactory end.

The water question was in the beginning one of great anxiety. There was plenty of water in the sea, in the lakes—all around—but what should we do for water to drink? There were no springs, no living fresh water streams. The prospects were discouraging. Sunset Lake seemed to be the most feasible source; but that was too far off. Finally, attention was called to the tube-pump, and it was thought it might work here. It was tried, and up to this time, with the hundreds of pumps now upon this ground, has proved a triumphant success. Better water, with a supply less likely to fail, hardly exists perhaps upon the continent.

After the first of June, 1870, lots were fairly in the market, and there were sold that year, three hundred and seventy-three.

During that year the first cottage was built—corner of Asbury Avenue and Kingsley Place—by H. Y. Lazear, then of Warwick, N. Y., now of Chicago. In the Winter, Messrs. Fuller and Haywood built, and in the Spring of next year, Thornley, Stetson, Stokes, Mrs. Duffield and Mrs. Hulse. At the close of the year there were sixty in all. To-day there are three hundred and fifty-five cottages, all but eight occupied on Monday last, and forty-five other buildings, making the entire number of buildings now on the ground just four hundred.

If to these we add the buildings erected in Asbury Park, Ocean Park, New Branch and Ocean Beach—amounting probably to as many more—we shall get some idea of the greatness of the work in this vicinity during the last five years. But after we have done this, we have not reached all of the material accomplishments even of Ocean Grove. It can be



shown that, either immediately or remotely, Ocean Grove's financial and spiritual success was the originating thought of Asbury Park, Ocean Park, Ocean Beach, (New Jersey,) and Sea Cliff, N. Y., Shelter Island, L. I., Pitman Grove, N. J., Chester Heights, Pa., Rehoboth, Del., Lake Bluff, Ill., Arlington Heights, Florida, Sea Grove, (near Cape May,) Mt. Tabor, N. J., Thousand Isles, St. Lawrence River, and Sea-Side Park, Tom's River, N. J. And it gave a fresh impetus to New Branch, and also to Sea Girt and Monmouth Beach.

The first Camp Meeting held on these grounds, commenced on Tuesday, July 26th, and closed on Friday night, August 5th, 1870. It was well attended, the weather was delightful, the order perfect, and the influence, from its inception to the close, heavenly and divine. Sinners were converted, believers sanctified, and all hearts were drawn nearer to God.

To accommodate this meeting, and that of 1871, tents of the Round Lake Camp-Meeting Association, numbering nearly 150, were hired, at an expense of \$500, with the additional cost of transportation from Round Lake and back, together with the wages, traveling expenses and the board of an overseer sent with them. After these meetings we purchased tents for ourselves, and the Association now owns 262, nearly all of which are at this time rented and erected—a larger number, and at an earlier date than any previous year, with a much greater number of private tents than ever before.

The improvements, from the first year of our history, have gone steadily forward—our expenses often going beyond our receipts—until we have accumulated about \$60,000 worth of movable property, including \$500 of turnpike stock, and \$5,500 of Rail Road bonds—to which is to be added the fact that our land is all paid for, excepting one mortgage of \$7,000 ;\* while our total receipts from land and other sources have, in the five years of our actual history, amounted to over \$200,000 : all of which has been expended to improve the place. We have opened, graded, graveled or clayed about seven-and-a-half miles of avenues, with from ten to twelve miles of sidewalks. Much yet remains to be done in this direction, which work will be carried forward as fast as funds allow.

It is important now to call even more special attention to the object of this organization—and it is a pleasure to me to say that it is pre-eminently *Religious*. All the members of our Association must be members of the Christian Church. An act that would expel them from the Church, expels them from our Association. All our business meetings commence and end with religious services. The aim of the Association has been

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\*This does not include purchases made since the delivery of this Address.

and is to keep its eye single to the glory of God. This is its primary object—this is its great leading design. The lands we have laid on Christ's altar ; our meetings are to promote the highest forms of religious life.—These things we have never concealed, but have labored to make public everywhere. Those who come among us, come with this understanding, and so long as they see and have sympathy with our objects, we welcome all, of every name. If they do not see and feel with us, the world is wide, and we wish them well.

The immediate and remote religious influences of Ocean Grove during these five years of her history, are beyond computation. Thousands have been blessed at her altars, while the restraining power which she has exerted on the hearts and lives of men, is much greater still.

Our rules, which have been the subject of much comment, especially by those who never read them, we have published, and ask all to study. They are simply a mutual protection—not more for us than for you. If we sold our lots in fee simple rather than by lease, you might have something offensive next to your cottage, which you have built for a pleasant Summer retreat. If we allowed the transfer of a lot without our approval, you might soon be annoyed with most offensive neighbors. If we allowed the indiscriminate occupancy of cottages during the Winter months by any who may chance to get the privilege, the danger from fire would be greatly increased, and the little Summer adornments of your property might soon be destroyed by children and others who have little or no interest in the place. As it is, we allow no one to stay during the Winter unless they are known to be proper and responsible persons, and there are good reasons why they should remain. When this is clearly shown, there have never been refusals for any to remain.

The next rule that has called forth remark, is that requiring our gates closed on the Sabbath. On this we simply say, we are a religious place and a religious people. To open our gates on the Sabbath would disturb the outside world ; make a great deal of unnecessary travel ; break up congregations in the country for miles around us, and so unsettle us inside that one of the primary objects of our Association—viz. : quietness and rest—would be defeated. I have just to say on this Anniversary occasion, that with thoughtful people our Sabbath regulations are one of our chief attractions, and there is no human probability that these rules will ever be revoked. All our other rules are so obviously simple and reasonable that they do not even need a passing remark from me.

In the prosecution of this work, from its inception our way has been environed with difficulties—we were walking in an untrodden path. Sometimes, indeed often, after we had advanced we had to retrace our

steps and seek another course. Sometimes the mountains rose steep and jagged before us ; sometimes every door seemed closed, and we were almost ready to give up. We were often misunderstood, and consequently misjudged—yet we struggled on. And while sometimes some of our brethren thought strangely of us, there were always a few to cheer, and now and then to say a kindly word. We have worked with our own hands, we have worked with our brain often till the midnight hour, and sometimes till the day dawned—sometimes holding our meetings at the foot of a pine tree, because we had no better place ; sometimes shivering with the cold, because we had no fire—working for you, for God—for nothing ; no, not for nothing ; for every moment there has been, no matter what the world has said, a conscious integrity of purpose—and that has always brought its own sweet, blessed sense of reward. And now, whatever may have been the cares and anxieties about this place, we are more than compensated by the fact that God has set upon it the broad seal of his approbation.

There never was a period in all our history when so many smile upon and greet us with approving words. For all these things we are profoundly thankful, and in all we only ask that God may be glorified in the salvation of men.

We want everything at Ocean Grove to be sweet, and pure, and good. A cardinal idea with us is that our people shall enjoy the sea, the sail, the bath, the lake, the grove—everything, but everything subordinate to religion. Let Jesus be supreme ! We raise the flag of our country at the foot of Ocean Pathway, and we enjoy its glorious stars and stripes as they furl in the ocean breeze ; but over the stars and stripes floats in commanding majesty the divine inscription, “THE LORD GOD OMNIPOTENT REIGNETH”—and our pleasures are all the sweeter because God is with us. We will not knowingly abridge the real pleasure of man, woman or child, but let all be in sweet accord with the holy Jesus. All hail *Religion, recreation, rest !*

Allow me a personal reference in conclusion. This is to me a most interesting day. Of all other days, fullest of sweet, sad, tender and yet triumphant memories—memorial of my marriage, memorial of a beloved daughter's death, and memorial of that first little prayer-meeting held within a hundred yards or so of this spot, just six years ago to-night—triple memorial day—glad, sad, triumphant ! To the former I gave the unmeasured affection of an earnest soul ; but to Ocean Grove I have given the best judgment of my ripest years—the toil of brain, and bone, and blood and heart. The same is true of those associated with me. The joy of her success is like the joy of one's nuptial day ; but when she de-

parts from her original principles, my grief will be like that with which I followed my dead to the silent grave—and as I have mourned for them, so should I mourn if Ocean Grove failed to fulfill her high and holy mission. But she shall not fail; God is with her, and so long as we are true to Him, he will be true to us. If I speak to you no more on this subject, this is my last request for Ocean Grove :

Still let this place be held for God,  
By Him be blest, to Him be given,  
Its hearts and homes be His abode,  
His, morning, noon, and dewy ev'ning;  
My heart repeats it o'er and o'er,  
His all the while, *His evermore.*

At the close of the address, the following original hymn was sung.

God of the Grove, where leaves of green  
Are brilliant in the golden light,  
Where bright skies looking down between,  
Smile on us through the silent night—  
Thou God of might and matchless love,  
Walk through our walks at Ocean Grove.

God of the lakes, where soft winds blow,  
And waters laugh beneath the sun,  
Where maidens sing and children row,  
Where age and youth melt into one—  
Thou God of might and matchless love,  
Be on our lakes at Ocean Grove.

God of the beach, whose ocean air  
Gives zest to life and rest to all,  
While we such earthly blessings share,  
O let Thy Spirit on us fall—  
Thou God of might and matchless love,  
Brood o'er the beach at Ocean Grove

God of the sea, where tempests sweep,  
And stormy billows lash the land,  
Who measurest the awful deep,  
As in the hollow of Thy hand—  
Thou God of might and matchless love,  
Command the sea at Ocean Grove.

God, whom we worship, Jesus, Lord,  
We sing Thy praise, we trust Thy blood,  
Led by Thy Spirit and Thy word,  
O, make us wise and make us good—  
Thou God of might and matchless love,  
Make us a power at Ocean Grove.

God of the land and of the sea,  
God of the human heart and will,  
Whatever may or may not be,  
O may we in Thy hands be still—  
Then sink in into Thy matchless love,  
And all be pure at Ocean Grove.



## THE LOVE-FEAST.

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The Sabbath-morning love-feast was not only the best ever held at Ocean Grove, but the grandest meeting of this peculiar character which some of its participants, ever witnessed. We question whether here or elsewhere, at National or International, or any other Camp-Meeting, such a cosmopolitan assemblage was ever drawn together. It exceeded all its predecessors in point of numbers, and baffles all description in regard to the tone prevailing, the testimonies given, and, amid surging excitement, the admirable quietness which was maintained. Representatives of twenty Annual Conferences crowded the Ministers' stand. Successively a visitor from the West Indies was followed, in witnessing words for Jesus, by the German, the African, the Englishman, and persons from the dominion of Canada.

The frequent outbursts of Christian sentiment in blessed strains of song, conveyed the idea that through this instrumentality alone hearts are fired, melted, lifted up from sordid and selfish things into a degree of practical evangelical union, where

"Names, and sects, and parties fall,  
And JESUS CHRIST is all in all."

Those who had nothing better to do than keep tally, announced the number who in turn stood up to testify of having received salvation, at one hundred and ninety! A show of hands from those whose "hearts burned within them," who would have spoken if they had the opportunity, indicated many hundreds more. Names distinguished in the religious activities of this stirring age and period, were there. Names, also,

"Little and unknown,  
Loved and prized by God alone,"

who glory in the cross, and compose the reliable rank and file of Immanuel's army, imbued with grace, and walking in the sunlight of consecrated lives, were in their place.

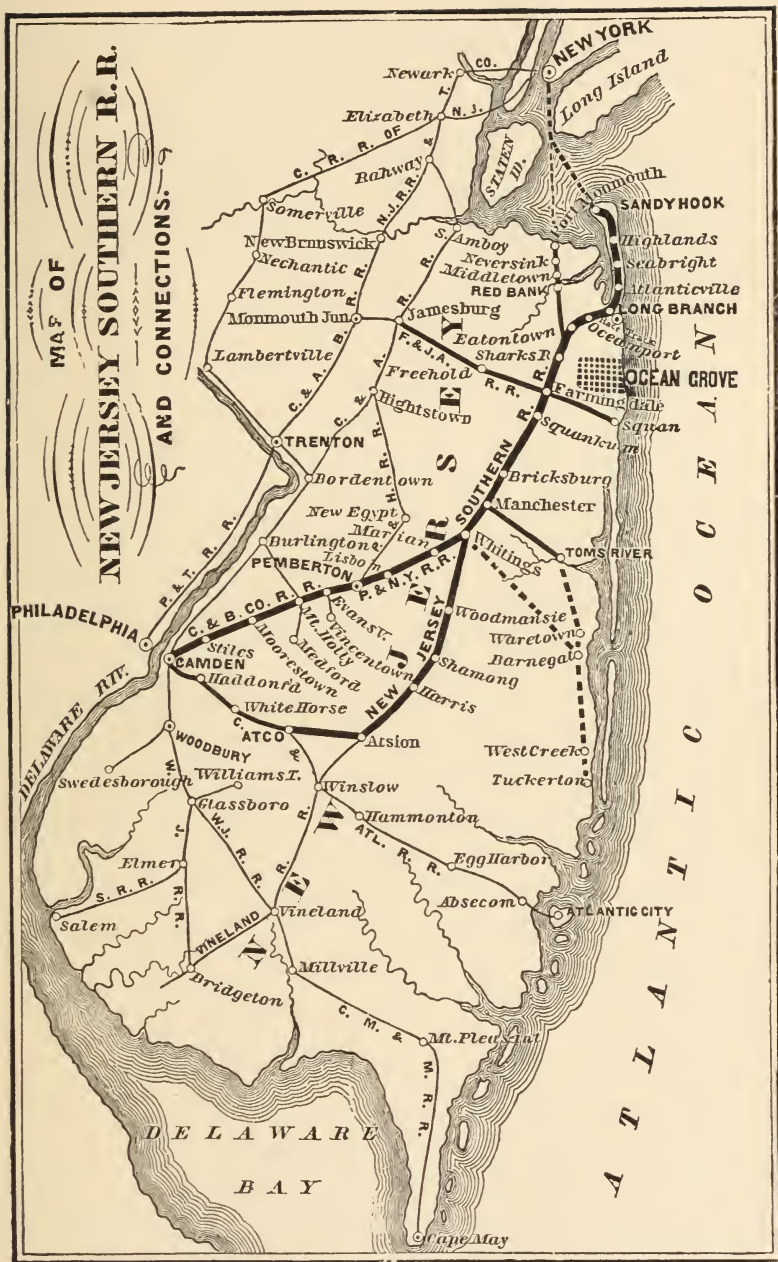
Oh, what a scene of beauty! What a tide of power! Wave on wave rolling over those happy thousands, who, as the voice of a great multitude, and, as the "sound of many waters," rendered their ascriptions of praise, and laid their crowns at Jesus' feet. All felt like saying—

"Can my lips be mute or my heart be sad,  
When the gracious Master hath made me glad?  
When he points where the many mansions be,  
And sweetly says, "There is one for thee."

"I shall catch the gleam of its jasper wall  
When I come to the gloom of the even-fall,  
For I know the shadows, dreary and dim,  
Have a path of light that will lead to Him."

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MAP OF NEW JERSEY,  
Showing the various Routes to Ocean Grove.







### SURF MEETING AT OCEAN GROVE, N. J.

Beside the Sea the wondering people stood,  
Or sat, or bowed, devotion's earnest throng;  
The spirit, lost in worship's attitude,  
Mingled its praises with the billow's song.

O widening sea! O ever heaving flood!  
Here on thy margin, where the surges roar,  
Thy people rise to Thee, O blessed God,  
They weep, they worship, triumph and adore.—E. H. S.

# CENTENNIAL BY THE SEA.

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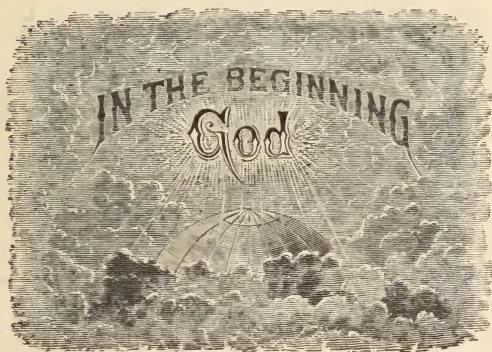
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I hear thy voice, O Sea!  
A tender tone, which memory reveres,  
A gentle murmur rippling through the years,  
Like love's soft whisper through affection's tears;  
My spirit yearns for thee:  
Yearns on for thy smile, like a home-sick child,  
For thy sunlit calms, and thy grandeur wild.

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OF THE  
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SEPTEMBER 26TH, 1876.

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To the Members of the Association:

DEAR BRETHREN—

The Centennial Summer is at an end. Long anticipated with highest emotions of pleasure, it came at last, fulfilled its mission, and then, freighted with holy thoughts and deeds, retired with noiseless footsteps, like the sun after a matchless day, setting in an ocean of golden light, and, though now past, still lingers in beauty about the heart, and will remain in memory, a blessing and a joy forever. As it was the Centennial Summer, we eagerly looked and longed for glorious results. Everything around us was projected on a grand scale, and Ocean Grove could not be left behind either in arrangements or expectations. But, as this proud, historic year came upon us in the midst of a severe and protracted financial prostration, and as it was our first season since the opening of the railroad to our gates, there was no ordinary degree of anxiety as to what should be the financial outcome—the maintainance of order, surrounded by a mass more heterogeneous than had ever visited us before; but chiefly the anxiety was felt in regard to the spiritual victories possible to be achieved in the midst of all these things. This anxiety was natural, for while we have had several years' experience in the management of this place, yet the changes are so numerous, and the growth so rapid, that each year seems almost like a new experience, and we are called to prepare continually for untried emergencies. It is now clearly revealed that we have on our hands a vast and responsible enterprise, vastly greater than was at first anticipated, and, unless I greatly mistake, far beyond what our present comprehensions grasp. These things being true, it is always matter of profound congratulations when a season ter-

minates satisfactorily, and we come to our Annual Meeting with the golden sheaves of success, gathered from the broad fields which the summer of opportunity at the sea spreads before our willing hands and hearts.

Such sheaves have been garnered, and, therefore, with hearts devoutly thankful, and newly consecrated to the Divine service, we offer you this day profoundest congratulations. The causes for these congratulations will appear more fully as I proceed to unfold to you the contents of this, my SEVENTH ANNUAL REPORT. In this unfolding, it seems appropriate to call attention, first, to the

### MATERIAL IMPROVEMENTS OF THE YEAR.

Under this head, I group two classes of facts: First, the work of the Association; and, secondly, individual improvements upon private property.

Any attempt, however, to classify the work of the Association for a whole year, must necessarily fail to reach in detail innumerable little things important in themselves, and though nameless, and in the aggregate costly, yet inseparably connected with an enterprise so vast as ours has grown to be.

Among the things that can be named, I mention, that immediately after our last Annual Meeting, as ordered, a loan of five thousand dollars was made, with the proceeds of which we commenced the work of grading. This was continued, almost without interruption, until all the avenues west of Central and lying between Broadway and Wesley Lake, a distance of five and three-fourth miles, were completed. The work thus done adds great beauty and convenience to our grounds, and had the whole been curbed, as was ordered, and but for the want of funds would have been accomplished, a handsome and permanent finish would have been obtained. As it is, the work of curbing must go on as rapidly as circumstances will justify, in obedience to the standing order of the Association.

In addition to the above, the side-walks outside the gate, around the end of Evergreen Park, which were badly cut, have been repaired; the high bank inside the fence by the same walk, graded and seeded, so as to make a passage for the water down to Wesley Lake; laying drain pipe in the gutters of avenues running into Wesley Lake; filling in tenting and seating grounds, to protect trees and provide for better drainage; fixing dam at foot of Wesley Lake; soiling, marling, manuring and seeding lake front, to beauty and prevent its washing in time of rain; leveling sand-banks between Embury Avenue and Broadway; graveling Central Avenue in the same region; filling up, trimming, clearing and beautify-



ing Central Park ; filling lots and avenues on the Beach with sand ; covering sand in the Park, on lots and in avenues with heavy soil, to prevent the winter drifts ; cleaning vaults in connection with cottages, and hauling away ninety double-horse loads of night-soil ; ditching the swamp from the ice-house, near the head of Fletcher Lake, to the turnpike ; trimming off unsightly limbs from trees ; cutting down brush and sprouts from numerous lots ; leveling, soiling, manuring, laying-out and seeding Centennial Park, in front of book-store on Pilgrim Pathway, which later in the season was adorned with flowers, and finally on the 31st of July, received a beautiful vase, the result of a little private subscription, and dedicated as the "Young People's Centennial Vase of Ocean Grove," in commemoration of the Seventh Anniversary of our settlement here.

The next important work was the enlargement of the Preachers' Stand, placing a roof on the frame erected last year, with slate-roofed bell tower in the centre, and reception room in the rear. This work, which has met with universal commendation, was partly performed by contract with Mr. L. E. Watson, while the roof and painting was mainly done by our own workmen, and, as we think, in the most substantial and economical manner. The whole structure as it now stands, including gas fixtures, reflectors, lettering, etc., costing \$3,440.55.



#### PRIVATE IMPROVEMENTS.

The improvements by private parties, in the way of cottages and boarding-houses during the eleven months just closed, have been marked and valuable. At the Annual Meeting last year, we had 355 cottages and 21 boarding-houses ; this year we have 417 cottages and 23 boarding-houses or hotels, being an increase of 62 cottages and 2 hotels ; and this increase includes many of the largest, most costly and permanent buildings on our grounds.

Of these 417 cottages, 13 keep boarders regularly, in addition to the 23 known as boarding-houses proper, and a large number of others receive boarders during the ten days of Camp-Meeting.

In addition to the above enumeration of private property, the Association has the following buildings, namely: Association office, including post and telegraph offices; ice-house; two oil and paint houses; three storehouses—one large for general merchandise, and two small, used for the storage of private property belonging mainly to those who tent upon our grounds; brick fire-proof tent house and lock-up, Superintendent's house, foreman's cottage, barber's shop, barn for horses, barn for straw, ladies' private cottage, two gentlemen's private cottages, engine house, and Elim cottage, the use of which, with its furniture, is granted gratuitously to the ladies for a Ministers' Home, but is still owned by the Association. Besides these, there are the following buildings owned by other parties, not enumerated above: St. Paul's Methodist Episcopal Church, which with its grounds is valued at \$12,000; photograph gallery, watch-maker's shop, drug store, ice-cream garden, two ice-cream saloons, two butcher's shops, Jemison's fruit store, one store for general merchandise, one store for dry-goods and notions, two bakeries, fish market, public livery stable, and eight private or club stables.

It is a record of singular prosperity, that with but one exception, all these buildings have been erected within the last five years; and at the present writing, notwithstanding the stringency of the times, eleven other buildings are being constructed, and many others in immediate contemplation.

#### FIRE DEPARTMENT.

In this connection it is important that reference be made to our arrangements for the extinguishment of fire. It will be readily seen, by the enumeration of property given, that there is a vast amount of money value involved. It is a matter, too, that calls for grateful mention, that during the seven years of our history, we have had but two fires, and those of trivial importance. Nevertheless, if a fire of any magnitude should occur, our ability to contend with it is but small. True, we have a fire engine and other equipments, but our supply of water is deficient. One of two things should be done—either re-adjust our whole fire extinguishing arrangements, or construct cisterns of sufficient number and capacity, so as to ensure a sufficient supply of water in case of fire. The immediate and satisfactory settlement of this question is of vital importance, as upon it will our future success in obtaining insurances upon property in this place depend.

## RAIL ROAD.

We have had our first season of experience with a Rail Road to our grounds. In some respects, it has been all that we hoped ; in others, less than we feared. It has been a great convenience to our people, in affording continuous and rapid transit, without the old vexatious changes and delays, bringing additional numbers to the privileges of the place ; while at the same time our quiet, especially in times of public worship, has been somewhat disturbed by the influx of excursionists, who never stay long enough to be impressed with their surroundings, and being unsettled themselves, unsettle everything about them. So far as Ocean Grove is concerned, we have nothing to gain by these excursions, and as they are popularly understood and carried out, greatly prefer they should not visit us. Picnics, too, however commendable and innocent in themselves, not being in accord with our original design, are not encouraged by us. That we may not seem selfish or unkind in these things, it is proper to remark, that religious services of some kind are held almost continuously through the summer months, so that large parties of mere pleasure-seekers, however orderly and respectable, often accompanied with instruments of music, coming in upon us, not understanding our rules, and roaming at will in every direction, are a disturbing element to these exercises ; while on the other hand, we do not feel that we have the right to allow the private seclusion of our citizens to be invaded by such visitations. We say these things in connection with the Rail Road, because, since its advent among us, the tendencies in these directions have increased.

Taking, therefore, a review of the whole Rail Road question, we are free to acknowledge, that apart from the simple point of more convenient and rapid travel, the chief benefit is to the Rail Road itself ; and in view of the fact that the receipts of the Ocean Grove and Asbury Park depot during the first year of its existence, from September 1, 1875, to September 1, 1876, were over \$47,000, we think we ought to have more consideration in the way of freight and baggage, than has thus far been awarded in our Rail Road history.

## SANITARY CONDITION.

I stated in my last Annual Report that the sanitary condition of the place was never better than during the current year. I am now able to repeat this declaration with increased emphasis ; indeed, I go even further and say that during the season just closed, the utmost care has been bestowed upon all parts of the ground, nothing offensive has been

allowed to remain among the tents or other places, and all garbage has been regularly removed, so that in appearance and in reality the place has never been so pure and clean. It has sometimes been a matter of surprise, and always of great satisfaction, that among so many thousands of people who remain in tents and cottages for so long a time, our success in this direction has been so good.

The drainage question, too, has received special attention. The fear that our superior and abundant drinking water might be injured, led the Association to require iron or cemented brick vaults to be used in all our water-closets. The propriety of this rule was seen at once, and all but about twenty-five families have complied therewith, and these will do so before another year. We are also very careful to see that all new buildings are supplied with the regular vault. Thus protected, we feel assured that the excellent water with which a kind Providence has so abundantly supplied us, will be kept sweet and pure so long as it shall be required for our use.

The health of the place was never better. That there should be no sickness among seventy-five or a hundred thousand people for a period of three or four months, many of whom come here as invalids in search of health, while others violate with impunity every sanitary law, would be a miracle. That there should be so little sickness in view of these facts, is a matter of much surprise. On the other hand, thousands who have come with almost as many maladies, have here, beside the sea, found recuperation to the body and rest to the soul. Nevertheless, I am quite sure that rumors prejudicial to the healthfulness of Ocean Grove, started by persons not in sympathy with us, have to some extent found currency. Among rightly-disposed persons, these things need no refutation; still it is important, in order that we may be intelligent upon the facts as they may exist from time to time, that a Board of Health, consisting of at least three judicious persons, be appointed, who shall have supervision of all matters relating to the sanitary department of the place, and to whom all physicians practicing in our bounds shall make weekly reports of the number of their patients and the character of their disease, also of any deaths occurring in their practice.

It is a matter of great thankfulness, that among all the thousands who have visited us this year, there have been but *four deaths*, namely, a colored girl 15 years of age, who came here sick July 6, and died the next day of congestion of the bowels; Lizzie Withard, 13 months old, brought here sick July 13, and died the same evening; Judge Joseph Butler, of Philadelphia, aged 75 years, an excellent Christian gentleman, who came



here in much debility, seeking health, gradually declined until July 29th, when he died in the triumphs of the Christian faith; and lastly, an infant child of C. H. Pierson, of Orange, who was brought here greatly prostrated, in the hope of restoration, but too far gone to rally, sunk in the arms of death August 24th. These are all. Is it not truly marvelous that there should have been no more? To God be praise!



### TENTS.

In addition to the 417 cottages and the 23 boarding-houses or hotels, there have been erected upon our grounds this year about 600 tents, all of which have been occupied, and some of them, as soon as one party vacated, were entered upon by others, thus keeping them full all through the season. 310 of these tents belong to the Association, and the balance are private property. Most of those belonging to private parties are erected and floored by us, upon grounds rented for the purpose, but some are erected by the parties owning them upon their own lots, and so do not come under our supervision at all. The greater part of these tents are of the larger size, and accommodate families of from six to twelve persons. We have added to our tent property this year five large family tents and one meeting tent, 20 by 40 feet. We have also purchased about \$500 worth of flies for tents which hitherto have had none. For the better accommodation of our people occupying tents, we constructed during the winter forty portable kitchens, to be attached to the



rear of the tents for cooking purposes. These were all well rented, and as many more could have been profitably used had they been at our command. More should be built this winter.

The large Tabernacle tent being in a leaky condition, we had it re-sized and added a lining, covering part of the inside. But both together have not made it available in wet weather. Dr. Ward's tent, after doing a vast amount of hard service for several years, is also in a leaky condition, and of little or no use in the rain. The Tabernacle was taken down in the late storm, in order to prevent its entire destruction; but before it was taken down the wind had so strained it as to be in my judgment unfit for further use. If, therefore, we take the inside linings of the large tent and make a fly for Dr. Ward's, that will do us good service for several years to come, and the canvas of the old Tabernacle can be used for flies, curtains and other purposes. In the place of the old Tabernacle, I would suggest the erection of a structure with permanent shingle, or other kind of substantial roof, covering the place where the large tent stood, and use the canvas for curtains for the sides. This will be found cheaper than canvas, and better adapted to our wants. Such large tents are too heavy for the high winds which sometimes visit us along the sea. I herewith submit a plan and estimate for such a building as we need.

### ASSESSMENTS.

The assessment question is one that has exercised the mind of the Association to a considerable extent. So anxious have we been that the lightest possible burdens should be imposed upon our people, that we limited the amount of assessments that could be made on a single lot to seven per cent. per annum on one hundred and fifty dollars, so that ten dollars and fifty cents is the highest sum that can in any event be claimed. But we have never yet asked this. For four years, namely, in 1870, 1871, 1873 and 1874, we made no assessment at all. In 1872 there was an assessment of *five* per cent, and in 1875-6, two dollars and fifty cents per lot each year.

The whole amount received last year from this source was seventeen hundred and ten dollars; this year, thus far, ten hundred and ninety-six dollars.

Sometimes our people have expressed the thought that they were paying these assessments without receiving an equivalent in the way of improvements upon their property. At the first glance there seems to be some

plausibility for these expressions, but the statement of another class of facts will materially change the whole aspect of the case.

The cost of lighting these grounds during the past eleven months was.....	\$1,000 00
Policing.....	1,400 00
Removing garbage.....	313 00
Removing night-soil from vaults.....	144 00
Sprinkling streets.....	227 00
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Total .....	\$3,084 00
Received on assessments past eleven months.....	1,096 00
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Deficit.....	\$1,988 00

It is important, also, in the light of these facts, to remember that the property of our citizens is looked after by careful policemen, both day and night, all through the year, which is especially important during the Autumn, Winter and Spring months, while the owners in some instances are hundreds of miles away; their garbage and night-soils are removed, and the most public of our streets sprinkled without extra charge to them.

We refer to these points simply that the members of the Association and our friends generally may know the actual state of the case, as we show them, and that the income from assessments alone fails by at least one-half, to meet a class of incidental expenses, of the common benefits of which all are alike partakers.

It is not difficult, therefore, to see that while, by our natural enlargement, these expenses must increase from year to year, we cannot, on assessments so small, continue to meet *them*, to say nothing of improvements on our avenues and walks. I therefore recommend that an assessment of at least *three dollars* be laid upon each lot for the coming year.

## POLICE JUSTICE.

For several years past, our grounds have been policed by men appointed under the provisions of our Charter. As we were away from the centres of population, little or no difficulty was found in maintaining the most perfect order. But the multitudes increasing, and the Rail Road coming to us, we felt the importance of having a Police Magistrate in our midst, so that if an arrest was made, we might make such disposition of the case as justice required. Last winter, upon application to our Legis-

lature, a law was obtained which enabled the Governor to appoint six policemen, one of which should receive a commission as Police Justice. Whereupon your Executive Committee applied to Governor Bedle for the appointment of J. C. Patterson, L. Rainear and F. Tantom as policemen of this place, with the request that J. C. Patterson be commissioned as Police Justice. Our request was promptly granted, and Mr. Patterson entered upon his duties at once, without cost to us. On the 25th of June Mr. Patterson was appointed Chief of our Police. Mr. Tantom had been on the night watch all through the year. On the 9th of July, five of our working-men were added to the night and Sabbath-day force; August 3d, two men were added, one to full day service, and one to the all-night force; August 16th, two were added to the day force; on the 24th of August, three more were employed. These, nine in all, were continued until September 4th, when a gradual reduction commenced, until now we have only the Chief of Police (whose time will expire with the present month) and two night watchmen. These men have all been faithful in their work, and excellent order has been maintained. During the course of the summer, a colored waiter was arrested for an assault upon one of his own color, and sent to Freehold to await trial. Two white men were arrested for improper conduct, and sent to Freehold for ten days. Two colored men were arrested for disorderly conduct at the ferry, reprimanded and discharged.

Pack-pedlers, organ-grinders, eye-glass pedlers, etc., have been run off the ground in great numbers, and will likely understand in future that their presence is not tolerated here. One pack-pedler was locked up for twenty-four hours for disorderly conduct, and was so glad to be released that he will not likely trouble us again. An umbrella-mender was arrested for indecent behavior, and required to leave the ground on penalty of imprisonment if he returned. These are all the arrests.

In view of the increased amount of property in this place, and the facility with which it can be reached by rail, I shall desire you to state what amount of police service, in your judgment, shall be performed through the Autumn, Winter and Spring months, during which time the property-owners are mostly at their homes.

#### HACKS.

As our City by the Sea advances, and the number of our citizens increase, hacks and hackmen have greatly multiplied, while the omnibuses and stages to and from the rail road depot are very numerous. These

stand at our platforms, or rush through our streets, as inclination or convenience may suggest, seemingly responsible to none. By these our avenues are cut and worn, while some of the drivers are rude, ungentlemanly and exorbitant in their charges. I am clearly of the opinion, that in order to the peace of our place and the protection of our people, none of this class of vehicles should be allowed to do business inside of our grounds without a license, for which they shall pay a specified sum, each one being numbered so they can be designated and held accountable for their conduct, and likewise bound to a regular scale of prices for a given amount of work. I herewith submit a paper, the adoption of which, with such alterations and additions as you may suggest, I most heartily recommend, and if we have not sufficient authority granted us by our Charter to enact such regulations, that we apply to the next session of our Legislature for power to do so.

#### BAGGAGE AND MARKET MEN.

Whereas, complaints have been made that in numerous instances expressmen have overcharged for bringing baggage upon our grounds, and that in some cases marketmen have asked unreasonable prices for their produce, I would recommend that all such things be placed under the rigid scrutiny of our Chief of Police, and in case of a clear conviction of injustice in these respects, that they be absolutely prohibited from future business transactions upon our grounds.

#### WAITERS.

The increase of servants at our public boarding-houses is very great. These sometimes get into trouble among themselves. To enable us to investigate more readily future difficulties in this respect, I would suggest that each boarding-house keeper furnish the Chief of Police with the name and residence of each servant employed, so that a register may be kept by him, and those not so registered, who may be found loitering about our grounds, be required to give an account of themselves to him.





WESLEY LAKE.

Wesley Lake still continues a charm to our people. Its waters have been in excellent condition during the entire year, and never more fully used. From early dawn far into the evening, happy thousands of all ages glide over its placid bosom, free from care, and in the full enjoyment of its innocent and invigorating pleasures. The rule regulating its Sabbath quiet has also been grandly observed. The increase of visitors to our grounds has greatly increased the number of men and boys, chiefly the latter, who use the lake for carrying passengers up or down, or across for pay. To all this, as their charges are moderate, there can be no objection, only that they sometimes get into confusion, and are rough and noisy. This is especially true at the regular Ferry, foot of Pilgrim Pathway, and also at the foot of Wesley Place. To obviate this, I would recommend that, in conjunction with Asbury Park, hereafter all men or boys running boats for pay, be required to have a license for the same, for which they shall pay a small sum to be specified, their boats numbered and a register kept of the same, so that upon any violations of propriety their license shall be withheld until such time as they shall give evidence of a willingness to comply with order and decorum. Indeed, I think it would be well if the name of each boat and its owner could be recorded, that any matter of difficulty occurring might be the more easily adjusted. The importance of all this will appear when I say, that after the sale and withdrawal of all the Association boats from the lake, there are yet remaining at least four hundred, and the number constantly increasing. The income from the license of the boats from either side, should create a joint fund to aid in a thorough policing of the lake through all the Summer months.



## FLETCHER LAKE.

This lake still remains in its quiet and unassuming condition, though yearly increasing in favor among our people. It now has about thirty boats upon its waters, and these will increase from year to year. This lake is susceptible of great improvement, especially the upper part, west of the ice-house, where, with comparatively little labor, islands can be formed at less cost than would be required to clear it out, and these can be made elements of beauty and attraction.

We ought to have, somewhere upon our southern borders, places of resort and refreshment, which would be sources of revenue also, equal to any now resorted to in our vicinity. I recommend this to your attention.

## HORSE RAIL ROAD.

I again call your attention to the subject of a Horse Rail Road along the leading avenues of our town, down Broadway to Ocean Avenue, thence to Sea View, Central and Main, or some line to be designated by you, thus bringing our southern territory, now largely unavailable, into demand and market. The subject is, I think, worthy of your consideration.

## SIDE WALKS AND AVENUES.

The side walks and avenues in many places have not been in a satisfactory condition, but could long ago have been repaired and made good, had sufficient funds been at command. The question of their improvement is now seriously entertained, if it meets with your approval, and the work of hauling clay and gravel for the purpose will be commenced at once. The materials can be brought upon the ground much cheaper during the dull days of Autumn and Winter, than in the hurry of the opening Spring.

## BATHING PRIVILEGES.

I call attention to the fact that the contract with Mr. W. T. Street, granting him the bathing privileges upon our sea front, ceases, by expiration of time. Several parties are waiting an opportunity to make proposals to you for the business for another term. I herewith give it as my judgment that the interest of all concerned now demands that there should be hereafter two bathing places—one at or near the foot of Wesley and one near the foot of Fletcher Lake, both to be under similar regulations and restrictions, but conducted by different and disconnected

parties. I submit a paper containing a memoranda of points which will form the basis for proposals for the privilege. Please modify, change or adopt this paper at your earliest convenience, so that bids may be made and recived or rejected without delay.

### LAND TITLES.

It is a matter upon which I wish to congratulate you, that during the year past the last of our numerous titles to lands in our possession has been adjusted and perfected. Nothing in this line, so far as we know, remains unsettled. It has been a long and rough way, but the end is reached, and as God's kind hand has evidently led us to this long-desired result, let His blessed name be forever praised.



### HOTEL AT THE FOOT OF WESLEY LAKE.

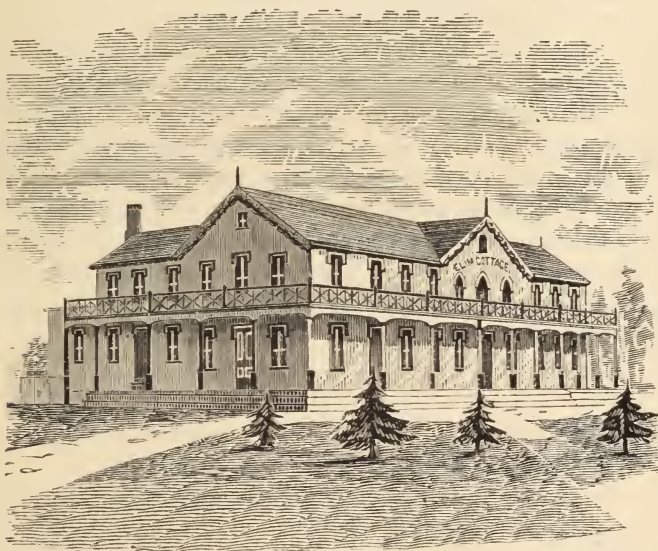
There are persons of high standing and influence, who think that the interests of the Association and Christianity both demand, for the accommodation of a class who desire to visit our grounds, that there should be erected on the point of land north of Spray Avenue, west of the bath house, and near the foot of Wesley Lake, or some other available spot, a large, well furnished, well kept, and in every sense a first-class hotel. Without such accommodations, it is claimed, the place failing to measure up with others, not remote, will suffer, as persons of means will go where they can get entertainment in accordance with their views, and so be under influences less beneficial than we could throw around them. I state the case as it is stated to me, without being able with present light to determine whether the advantages gained would overbalance probable evils, and so leave the whole matter to your united and better judgment.

## JAMISON BROS. STORE.

All privileges granted to the above-named parties have ceased, by expiration of time. The store-building, which is Association property, will be vacated in a few days, and the future disposition of it awaits your action. There are several parties who desire to know your terms, and it is important that immediate action be taken in the matter.

## SMOKING.

I have often been apprehensive of danger arising from the frequent and often careless manner in which persons indulge in the habit of smoking. I do not know of any means by which we can to any extent diminish the indulgence in this offensive practice. I do not deem it wise to attempt it in this Report. What I desire is this, that an order be passed, by which all men in our employ shall be required to desist from smoking during the hours when engaged at Association work, thus lessening by so much the danger of fire, and setting an example that we could wish might everywhere be followed.



ELIM COTTAGE.

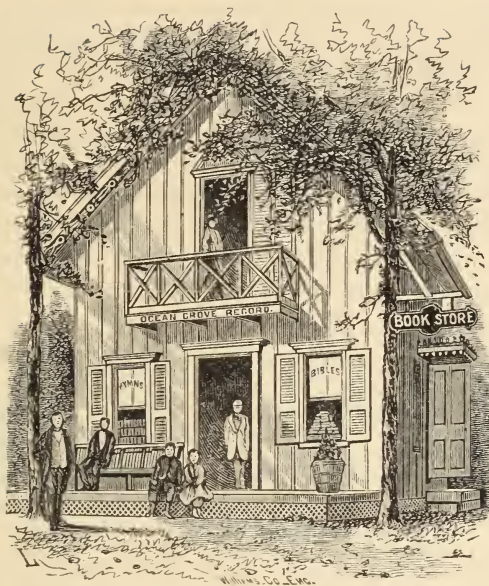
This building, formerly known as Grove Cottage, which, with its furniture, the Association granted gratuitously to the Ladies' Union Aid Society of Ocean Grove, for the purpose of opening a Home for Min-

isters of the Gospel of all evangelical denominations who are broken in health or needing rest from their toils, yet not able to bear the full expense of coming to a place like this, has closed its first year in its new field of labor. The result, so far as I can learn, has been entirely satisfactory. Forty-two ministers of different denominations, and twelve ministers' wives, have been entertained at a charge of from three to five dollars per week. A few, unable to pay anything, have been entertained free. The receipts have just met the expenses of the table, while the Matron and her help have been paid from the ladies' treasury, which thus far has been, and they hope will continue to be, supplied by the generous contributions of their friends. Elim Cottage, which hitherto has had a varied history, has now, I think, found its true mission, and has during the past Summer proven to a number of the sick and weary ministers of Jesus, a real and we trust a lasting blessing.

#### ST. PAUL'S METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

This building, located near the gate, at the head of Main Avenue, was so far completed as to be opened for religious services on the 28th of May, and was formally dedicated to the worship of Almighty God, on Tuesday, August 1st, by the venerable, and now ascended, Bishop Edmund S. Janes. It is a beautiful edifice, handsomely furnished, and a credit to the neighborhood for whose convenience it has been built. At such periods of the year when religious services are not held in the Grove, it has a large and respectable congregation, and a prosperous Sabbath-school worshipping in it each Sabbath, and will doubtless do a great and blessed work. The building cost about \$8,000. The Association donated the land on which it stands, and one thousand dollars to the building fund. A debt of nearly four thousand dollars, I regret to say, still remains upon it.





### OCEAN GROVE LITERATURE.

In December last we issued, by order of the Association, 2,000 copies of a neatly-printed pamphlet, containing the Sixth Annual Report, and the Historical Address delivered at the Sixth Anniversary, July 31st, 1875, under the general title of "Summer by the Sea," at a cost of \$254. A copy of this pamphlet was sent to each lot-holder gratuitously, and large numbers have been distributed to other parties who have visited the Grove.

In May last, we issued 3,000 copies of the seventh number of our "Ocean Grove Annual," giving all the points of information that a stranger might be supposed to desire. These we also circulated gratuitously, and they are sent by parties here to their friends at home, so that by these and other means they obtain a wide circulation. It was printed this year in a little different form and manner from previous years, and because we had no advertising patronage, cost us a little more.

The writers on Ocean Grove were never more numerous, able or flattering than during the year just closed. The newspapers, East, West, North and South, both secular and religious, and of all shades of political and denominational views, have teemed with articles, in most cases highly eulogistic. Nor have these notices been confined to this country alone. European correspondents have given to the public across the sea,



valuable notices of this place of Summer resort ; so that, if Ocean Grove is not generally known, it will not be because the newspapers have failed to do us justice. I will also mention in this connection, that the weekly issues of the "Ocean Grove Record," the private property of Rev. A. Wallace, who also is its able editor, has given great prominence to our work here, and has served to keep alive an interest in this beautiful Summer home, when the storms of Winter would otherwise have banished all thought of it from the mind and heart. The "Record" has become an institution of great importance among us, and it is earnestly hoped that every effort to extend its circulation up to a paying point, will be made by all its friends.

### CONTINUED MERCIES.

Before entering to some extent upon a detail of figures, I must pause to record the gratitude of my heart and yours, that seven years of our history have passed without a fatal accident within our bounds. How great God's goodness to us in this respect ! Land, lake and sea have all dealt kindly, but God, our blessed Father, kindest of them all. Every year we have feared, that in view of the great numbers who bathe, and the seeming utter abandonment by some of all reference to caution, that we should be called to mourn for those we loved ; but thus far we have been spared. To God be praise !

Nevertheless, I would not cease to urge all persons to be cautious and thoughtful while bathing, and I especially entreat all parents and guardians to see that their children do not launch their small flat-bottomed boats, fit only for the smooth, shallow waters of the lakes, out upon the open sea, where sooner or later some fatal accident is sure to occur.

Having asked your attention to these various subjects, I now direct your thoughts to the following inventory of property, in the revision of which the Superintendent and myself have exercised our best judgment, and present it as a statement of the value of the property which it names, and intended to cover all our effects, outside of lands.

### INVENTORY OF ASSOCIATION PROPERTY.

August 31st, 1876.

Preaching Stand and Auditorium.....	\$4,000 00
Store.....	4,600 00
Elim Cottage.....	4,000 00
Association Office and Post Office.....	2,000 00
Barn and Wagon Sheds.....	800 00
Summer Houses.....	1,200 00
Ice House.....	4,000 00
Store House.....	600 00
Tent Houses.....	800 00

Oil and Gas Houses.....	\$300 00
Platform at Office.....	300 00
Superintendent's House.....	4,500 00
Foreman's House.....	2,800 00
Privies .....	2,000 00
Bath Houses.....	50 00
Flags and Staffs.....	300 00
Lumber.....	3,800 00
Tools.....	200 00
Horses.....	600 00
Harness.....	200 00
Farm Wagon, Hack, Carriage, Sled, Ice Wagon, Cart, Hand-Cart.....	450 00
Lamps, 172.....	650 00
Pumps, 20.....	600 00
Tents, 310.....	10,275 00
Tent Poles (ordinary).....	200 00
Tent Poles (cedar).....	500 00
Office Furniture and Safes.....	770 00
Settees for Stand.....	80 00
Park Settees, 150.....	750 00
Plank Settees, 107.....	425 00
Platform in Tabernacle.....	30 00
Stoves.....	50 00
Rope.....	100 00
Bell.....	250 00
Engine.....	300 00
Engine House.....	900 00
Hose.....	100 00
Tent Pins.....	50 00
Oil Tanks.....	50 00
Tile and Pipe.....	50 00
Earth Closets.....	25 00
Iron Bedsteads.....	12 00
Chains.....	20 00
Tent Furniture.....	14 00
Communion Set.....	40 00
Bible and Hymn Book.....	14 00
Clock .....	8 00
Telegraph Poles.....	10 00
Barber's Shop.....	300 00
Fences.....	1,200 00
Turnpike Stock.....	500 00
Rail Road Bonds.....	5,500 00
Gas Apparatus.....	1,700 00
Sprinklers.....	175 00
Benches and Tables.....	100 00
Bunks, 375.....	750 00
Copying Press.....	8 00
Furniture in Elim Cottage.....	500 00
Two barrels Kerosene.....	40 00
Organ.....	100 00
Wood Cuts and Electrotypes.....	300 00
Lawn Mower.....	25 00
Two Vases.....	175 00
Total.....	\$65,146 00
Last year.....	63,714 09
Increase.....	\$1,429 91

## RECEIPTS

*From all sources from October 1st, 1875, to August 31, 1876.*

Receipts from all sources for eleven months.....	\$34,903 09
Expenditures .....	37,089 14

Treasury overdrawn, August 31, 1876.....	2,186 05
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But subsequently to this, up to Sept. 20, the receipts exceeded the expenditures so as to reduce the overdraft, \$1,361.28.

Now we borrowed, immediately after the last annual meeting, \$5,000 on bond and mortgage on Association buildings, and grounds known as Memorial Park. But we have paid, this year, on the Charles Rogers mortgage and others, \$3,647.27, which, if we deduct from the \$5,000 borrowed, shows a real increase of bonded indebtedness of only \$1,352.73. Then if we add this increase of indebtedness to the overdraft on the treasury, as it stood on Sept. 20, we have the sum of \$2,714.01. Last year, at the annual meeting, the overdraft on the treasury was \$4,111.49. Deducting present overdraft and increase of indebtedness from this, we have \$1,397.48, which is our improved financial condition over last year—and this in the face of the fact that last year we sold 69 lots, at an aggregate of \$23,481.88, while this year our sales aggregate the sum of only \$6,187.80.

## POST OFFICE.

Letters sent this year, 11 months.....	75,819
Letters sent last year, 12 months.....	49,873

Increase in 11 months, over 12 months last year.....	25,946
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In addition to the above, not less than 80,000 letters have been received during the same length of time.

It will readily appear from these facts that some re-adjustment of our post-office room will be necessary before another season, as the small space we now have is often crowded to such a degree as to be a great annoyance to our people.

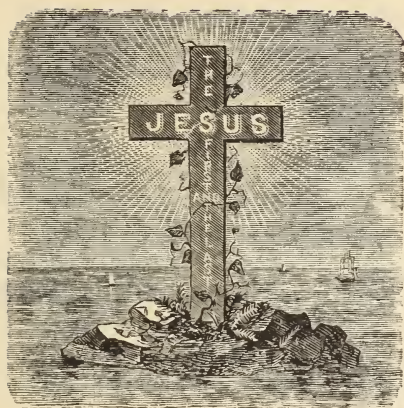
## TELEGRAMS.

Messages sent this year, 11 months.....	3,260
Messages sent last year, 12 months.....	2,145

Increase in 11 months.....	1,115
Messages received in 11 months.....	3,870.

## VISITORS.

The best estimate we can reach, of the visitors to our grounds this year, places the number at *one hundred thousand*, an increase of 50 per cent. over last year.



## RELIGIOUS WORK.

Thus far I have treated simply of the financial and material aspects of the place. I now ask that your thoughts may turn to its more important because spiritual and eternal interests. I have in previous reports stated, and now reiterate, with intense interest and satisfaction, that the great central fact of Ocean Grove is SALVATION. This is its foundation, super-structure and cap-stone.

"SALVATION! O, the joyful sound!  
What pleasure to our ears;  
It soothes our sorrows, heals our wounds,  
And drives away our fears."

When salvation ceases to be her fundamental and crowning work, she will lose her strength, and her glory will depart. Whatever we may do



in the various departments of our enterprise, the ultimate design is SALVATION. All our income, from whatever source, is devoted to the improvement of the place,<sup>1</sup> in order that there may be a better opportunity to promote SALVATION.

"SALVATION! let the echo fly  
The spacious earth around,  
Till all the armies of the sky  
Conspire to raise the sound."

It is cause of profound thanksgiving to Almighty God that in this great salvation work we have each year had some success, and never, perhaps, more than the last.

Our Religious work commenced this year on Sabbath, the 18th day of June, in Dr. Ward's tent. We held three services there on that and the following Sabbath, with prayer meetings through the week.

On Sabbath, July 2nd, the new auditorium was occupied for the first time; preaching by the President, from all the passages printed on the stand as a text.

On Tuesday, July 4th, Asbury Park and Ocean Grove united in a grand celebration of the one hundredth anniversary of American Independence. A procession, consisting of two military companies, members of Ocean Grove Association, Asbury Park Commissioners, traders, boats filled with boys and girls, and citizens generally, marched through the Park and Grove. At the auditorium in the Grove, which had been profusely decorated for the occasion, JAS. A. BRADLEY, Esq., presided. The music was rendered by the choir of St. Paul's M. E. Church. Rev. J. T. TUCKER offered prayer. The Declaration of Independence was read by Rev. T. X. ORR, of Philadelphia; an oration by Rev. A. E. BALLARD, V. P. of Ocean Grove C. M. A.; a poem on "Young America," by the President, and a free lunch at the close. Perfect order was maintained throughout—no rum, no profanity, no fire-crackers, no confusion of any kind—while the whole occasion was full of patriotic interest, and richly enjoyed by all.

On the 9th of July, Dr. KYNETT preached a sermon of great strength, and in the afternoon the Summer Sabbath-school was organized by J. L. HAYS, Esq., of Newark, N. J.

### BAPTIST CONVENTION.

Tuesday, the 11th day of July, the Baptist Convention opened, and continued for ten consecutive days, under the general direction of the President, but particularly presided over by Rev. Dr. E. M. LEVY, of Philadelphia. It was a good meeting. The preaching was of a high order, and tended continually and strong in the direction of holiness of



heart and life. Through all the services, God's people were drawn nearer together, and many left, feeling that the place had been to them a Tabor communion, and the occasion a baptism of spiritual power.

### SUNDAY-SCHOOL CONVENTION.

On the 22d of July, the day after the Baptist Convention closed, the Centennial Sunday-School Convention, under the auspices of the New Jersey State Sunday-School Association, commenced its work, and continued until Saturday, July 29th. It was a meeting of great interest, well attended, and well sustained throughout. The sermons of Rev. Dr. FULLER, of Baltimore, and Rev. Dr. FOSS, of Middletown University, will long be remembered as wonderful specimens of pulpit simplicity, eloquence and power. They were masterly productions, the influence of which will be felt through life. All through the meetings both intellect and heart were fed, and the people returned to their homes under a mightier impulse to labor for their Lord.

### SEVENTH ANNIVERSARY OF OUR FIRST RELIGIOUS MEETING AT OCEAN GROVE.

On Sabbath, July 30th, the seventh anniversary exercises of our first religious services, (a little prayer-meeting in Bro. THORTLEY's tent, July 31, 1869), commenced. A meeting was held at 5½ A. M. in Dr. WARD's tent. At 9 A. M. there was a lovefeast at the Preacher's stand, where many precious testimonies were given; and at 10½ A. M., notwithstanding a protracted and heavy rain, a large congregation assembled, and Rev. D. W. BARTINE, D. D., preached a sermon of great beauty and power, from Isaiah 57, 15.

Monday, 31st, was the Anniversary proper. At 2 P. M. a Young People's Meeting was held in the auditorium, addressed by GEO. G. COOKMAN, J. THORNLEY and E. S. FERRE. The congregation then marched to Centennial Park, and a vase, dedicated to the young people of Ocean Grove, was unveiled. The Anniversary Prayer-Meeting, at night, was a season of great power.

### ST. PAUL'S M. E. CHURCH.

At 10½ o'clock A. M., on Tuesday, August 1, Bishop JAMES preached the dedicatory sermon of St. Paul's Methodist Episcopal Church, at the auditorium, from the text, "For he loveth our nation, and hath built us a synagogue." In the afternoon the services were held in the church, and the Bishop formally dedicated it to the worship of Almighty God. This was the last service of the kind he ever performed on earth.

## TEMPERANCE CONVENTION.

The Temperance Conference commenced on Wednesday morning, August 2nd, and continued until the following Sabbath night. The addresses were of a superior character throughout, the statistics startling and convincing, and the influence of all was deep and lasting. We hail these temperance workers, both male and female, as co-operating with the Christian Church in its efforts to raise a fallen world and bring it back to God. May the blessing of Heaven rest upon the temperance reform, and all who work therein. We trust our grounds will ever be open to help on this blessed cause.

## WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

Sabbath, August 13th, was set apart for the anniversary of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of Ocean Grove. Dr. BUTLER, Superintendent of our Mission in Mexico, gave the address. The large congregation present contributed, in a very quiet yet prompt manner, \$375, to help on the glorious work.

## SEVENTH ANNUAL CAMP MEETING.

Whatever we may do at Ocean Grove, or whatever meetings may be held, the Annual Camp Meeting is the great central point and fact. All other things or meetings are incidental, and may or may not be. But the Camp Meeting is the primal thought, and *must be*. It is not surprising, therefore, if a culmination of interest should cluster around this meeting. This is always true, and never in a higher sense than during the present year. At the preparatory Sacrament on Tuesday evening, August 15th, the all-absorbing cry was for a baptism of fire. On Wednesday morning, August 16th, the work of the Camp Meeting commenced at 5½ A. M., and continued, with ever-widening and increasing interest, until Saturday morning, August 26th, when it closed amid the tears, and songs, and shouts of a great multitude of the people of God.

The preaching, which covered the whole ground of Christian doctrine and duty, was more than ordinarily high-toned and spiritual. Ministers, laymen and women, baptized with the Holy Ghost and fire, came to their work with hearts fully consecrated to their Master, and God honored them with His smile and rich benediction. The closing scene will never be forgotten. Hundreds, if not thousands, crowded around the sacramental board, in solemn yet exultant worship. In the midst of the religious fervor which prevailed, forty children, a part of those who had found the Saviour in their little meetings, marched slowly and thoughtfully down the aisle, and knelt together at the communion table, receiving from the

hands of venerable Ministers the emblems of their Saviour's sufferings and death. The scene subdued every heart, and every face was bathed in tears. It would seem as if the very angels paused in their high work to gaze upon a sight so beautiful. Multitudes, as if awe-struck, exclaimed they "had never witnessed such a scene before," and the deep and sacred impressions memory will retain forever.

### LOCAL-PREACHERS' ASSOCIATION OF THE NEW JERSEY CONFERENCE.

On Saturday, September 2nd, the New-Jersey Conference Local Preachers' Association of the M. E. Church, met at this place. About 30 earnest and devoted Ministers, members of the Association, were present. The spirit of all the meetings was excellent, the preaching earnest and spiritual, and the results highly satisfactory to all. We bid these faithful and laborious men "God speed" in their glorious work, and hope to meet them in the better world.

With this Conference closed the last of seven special meetings arranged for and announced months before, every one of which, without the variation of a single hour, was carried out according to the published programme, with nothing to disturb the harmony or mar the spirituality of a single service.

Having named these meetings in the order of their occurrence, bearing in mind that all the intervals between them were occupied with services of various kinds, four, five, six or more each day, as circumstances demanded, up to Saturday morning, September 23d, we now proceed to enumerate results as far as they can be known.

During these more than three months of religious worship, there were delivered eighty sermons, one hundred set addresses, one hundred and thirty regular prayer and experience meetings, fifty-two young people's meetings, sixty-two meetings specifically for the promotion of holiness, twenty-four children's meetings, nine Sunday-school meetings, four sacraments, three poems, fourteen baptisms, and two couples married, besides God-inspired and heaven-lifting songs, and prayers and exhortations which eternity alone can number. These were the agencies. What are the results? Figures are dumb in such a presence. We only know that thousands were quickened to a higher and holier life; that sinners were converted, and believers sanctified, at almost every service, at the stand and in the tents, and sometimes large numbers at a single meeting. Over one hundred children professed to be saved, and I am quite sure the number of adults converted and sanctified was vastly more. But while we say these things, we say comparatively little of the vastness of our Sum-

mer's work. The far-reaching and silent influences which have operated on so many thousand hearts, the resolutions formed, the broken vows redeemed, the wanderers reclaimed, the home altars rebuilt, the Ministers and laity newly baptized for their work, until multiplied home churches feel the touch and catch the flame, and revival after revival spreads like a living fire all through the land—together with the spirit of a high and holy Catholicity which has been cultivated among the various branches of evangelical Christians, until (for the time) denominationalisms were lost, and we saw no man, save Jesus only—these, all these, are to be included in the influences of our Centennial Summer worship by the sea.

It is a real joy to contemplate our work in such a light, for many souls have felt

“As when the Ocean grim,  
Vexed with the anger of embattled winds,  
And rough with foaming giants, now at rest,  
Takes comfort deep and strong, and tenderly  
Kisses the ship and bears the seamen home,  
With dolphins sporting in the buried storm.  
Oh, peaceful thus, when thus the Prince of Peace  
Drives out unholy strife, and fills the heart,  
After the wrath and tempest, with His peace—  
Not as the world, but like the morning's glow  
Upon the hills of heaven—so calm, so sweet—  
A field of beauty and a sea of bliss;  
A flowery land, an ocean of repose.”

And now, brethren, having said these things, I commend you and our ever-increasingly responsible enterprise to God and to the word of His grace, which is able to build you up, and give you an inheritance among all them that are sanctified, trusting that the influence of our Centennial Summer work will last forever—and so continuing to be kept and aided by the Lord, may we gird ourselves for a still holier work in the days and weeks and years to come.

As ever, yours in Jesus,

E. H. STOKES, *President.*

*Ocean Grove, N. J., September, 1876.*





# LIST OF LOT OWNERS

AT

## OCEAN GROVE, N. J.

Those marked thus (\*) have built one or more Cottages.

*Alday, Dr. J. H.....	Ocean Grove, N. J.	*Brown, Rev. J. E.....	Canada.
*Ashmore, Theo.....	New Brunswick, N. J.	*Ballentine, G. H.....	Frankford, Phila.
Allen, Hannah W.....	Clarksburg, N. J.	*Blair, Mary A.....	Philadelphia, Pa.
*Atkinson, Harriet.....	Bridgeton, N. J.	Blauvelt, Rev. G. M. S.....	Tappan, N. Y.
Atwood, Rev. Joseph.....	Trenton, N. J.	*Bilbrough, Jos.....	Philadelphia, Pa.
*Ashton, Joseph.....	Trenton, N. J.	Bliss, Rev. G.....	Cleveland, O.
*Adams, Rev. B. M.....	Brooklyn, N. Y.	*Boyle, Rev. W. E.....	Long Branch, N. J.
*Ainsworth, William...	Frankford, Phila.	Burch, Rev. T. H.....	New York.
Amer, Elizabeth H....	N. Brunswick, N. J.	*Briggs, Manasseh.....	New York.
*Abrams, Mary A.....	Ocean Grove, N. J.	*Boswell, Mary L.....	Philadelphia, Pa.
*Andress, Mrs. C. B.....	Philadelphia, Pa.	Bomgardner, D.....	Beverly, N. J.
Andrews, Rev. R. J.,	Merchantville, N. J.	Beatty, Asher.....	Morrisville, Pa.
*Ashmead, Mary.....	Philadelphia, Pa.	*Brown, D. M.....	Windsor, N. J.
Anderson, Mary.....	Brooklyn, N. Y.	Brown, Mary.....	High Bridge, N. Y.
*Applegate, Rue.....	Ocean Grove, N. J.	Beach, Emma.....	High Bridge, N. Y.
Allen, Pancoast.....	Wilmington, Del.	*Bodfish, Abby.....	Washington, D. C.
*Armstrong, L. H.....	Newark, N. J.	Bodine, Mary.....	New York.
Applegate, C. H.....	Freehold, N. J.	*Benedict, H. W.....	New Haven, Conn.
*Allen, Benj.....	Trenton, N. J.	*Bower, Ruth.....	Ocean Grove.
Brewster, Elizabeth.....	Plainfield, N. J.	Beach, W. H.....	New York.
*Ballard, Rev. A. E.....	Bordentown, N. J.	Babb, Barbara.....	Reading, Pa.
*Buck, Rev. D.....	Ellenville, N. Y.	Bartine, Sarah M.....	New York.
Beach, Mary I.....	New York.	Broadbent, Rev. G. S.....	Philadelphia.
*Brown, Rev. H. M.....	Clayton, N. J.	*Brown, Warren.....	Ocean Grove.
*Brown, Jas.....	Philadelphia, Pa.	*Black, Eliza M.....	Lancaster, Pa.
*Brown, Caroline.....	Ocean Grove, N. J.	*Bennett, Jacob W.....	Ocean Grove.
Benner, J. R.....	Brooklyn, N. Y.	*Bowne, Ann Eliza.....	Freehold, N. J.
Barkalew, Susan.....	Oceanport, N. J.	*Boswell, Rev. J. I.....	Newton, N. J.
*Brown, D. H.....	Brooklyn, N. Y.	*Barthell, Sophia.....	Troy, N. Y.
Burrows, W.....	Jersey City, N. J.	Beach, Anna J.....	Ocean Grove.
*Breck, Matilda W.....	Brooklyn, N. Y.	Brush, Rev. W. F.....	Fishkill, N. Y.
*Burr, Rev. J. K.....	Madison, N. J.	*Brewere, Mrs. John.....	Allentown, N. J.
*Browning, B. H.....	Camden, N. J.	Bates, Mrs. D. H.....	New York.
Banks, Mary P.....	Pleasantville, N. Y.	*Backus, Hannah M.....	Newark, N. J.
Barrett, I. M.....	Wilkesbarre, Pa.	*Borie, E.....	Philadelphia.
Beegle, Rev. H. B.....	Ocean Grove.	*Bowne, C. C.....	Freehold, N. J.
Burr, Rev. E. W.....	Bloomfield, N. J.	*Bault, Wm.....	Frankford, Philadelphia.
Biles, Elizabeth.....	Trenton, N. J.	Bedle, Albert.....	Keyport, N. J.
Brown, Elizabeth S.....	Freehold, N. J.	*Barton, D. B.....	Ocean Grove.
*Borden, Mrs. A. W.....	Jacobstown, N. J.	Boas, F. G.....	Reading, Pa.
*Brown, H. S.....	Rochester, N. Y.	Boyd, Belle, S.....	Philadelphia.
*Brown, Joseph M.....	Jersey City, N. J.	Boyd, Mary E.....	"
*Bruner, A.....	Columbia, Pa.	Batchelor, Edward.....	"
*Black, James.....	Lancaster, Pa.	Bowker, Samuel.....	Marlton, N. J.
Brown, W. S.....	Hightstown, N. J.	Browe, John.....	Newark, N. J.



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 \*Brummell, Elizabeth.....New York.  
 Bushong, Anna M.....Reading, Pa.  
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 \*Buckius, Matilda A.....Philadelphia.  
 Barber, A. C.....Lambertville, N. J.  
 \*Bowen, D. H.....Philadelphia.  
 Blew, Lehman.....Bridgeton, N. J.  
 \*Baldwin, Wm.....Trenton, N. J.  
 \*Brads, Eliza Jane.....Baltimore, Md.  
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 Chadwick, S. S.....New Bedford, Mass.  
 Clark, Rev. Jas. W.....Old Bridge, N. J.  
 Cottrell, H.....Farmingdale, N. J.  
 \*Chattle, Elizabeth.....Long Branch, N. J.  
 \*Cheesman, G. W.....Ansonia, Conn.  
 Cary, Mrs. Wm.....Troy, N. Y.  
 Cosad, Dr. J. W.....Jersey City, N. J.  
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 Cooper Magdalena.....Rahway, N. J.  
 \*Clossen, Emeline.....Trenton, N. J.  
 \*Coleman, Mrs. M. G.....Williamsport, Pa.  
 \*Carver, Samuel W.....Philadelphia.  
 \*Castor, Thos.....Philadelphia.  
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 Coward, C. I.....Philadelphia.  
 Carr, Maria.....Mt. Holly, N. J.  
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 Culver & Gilbert.....Derby, Conn.  
 Colby, Charlotte S.....Concord, N. H.  
 \*Clayton, C. C.....Ocean Grove.  
 Coffin, Eliza J.....Brooklyn, N. Y.  
 Cannon, Anna C.....New York.  
 \*Conklin, Jacob W.....Brooklyn, N. Y.  
 \*Chew, Rev. S. N.....Philadelphia.  
 Craig, Rev. R. H.....Otisville, N. Y.  
 \*Cox, Mary A.....Cranberry, N. J.  
 Child, Sarah W.....Red Bank, N. J.  
 Crouse, H.....Reading, Pa.  
 \*Chandler, G.....Wilmington, Del.  
 \*Conklin, Cath. T.....Middletown, N. J.  
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 Coulston, Lavina.....Philadelphia.  
 Conger, Charlotte.....New York.  
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 \*Crossett, Maria.....New York.  
 \*Childs, N. T.....Ellenville, N. Y.  
 \*Cross, W. A.....Camden, N. J.  
 \*Cubberly, J. H.....Allentown, N. J.  
 \*Carr, J. B.....Philadelphia.  
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 Danser, Christiana.....Windsor, N. J.  
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 Dey, Enoch.....Hightstown, N. J.  
 Dodge, Harriet.....Otisville, N. Y.  
 Dumont, Robert S.....Albany, N. Y.  
 Douglass, W. B.....Newark, N. J.  
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 Dobbins, Micajah.....Camden, N. J.  
 \*Dunham, Phebe K.....Elizabeth, N. J.  
 Davies, Mary E.....New York.  
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 \*Daugherty, Sarah.....Red Bank, N. J.  
 \*Downs, Sarah J. C.....Ocean Grove.  
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 \*Early, Jacob.....Hightstown, N. J.  
 Edgar, S. T.....Philadelphia.  
 \*Eakins, W. H.....Philadelphia.  
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 Early, Mary G.....Hightstown, N. J.  
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 \*Finlaw, G. W.....Bridgeton, N. J.  
 Foote, H. L.....New York.  
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 Fay, Jos. D.....Eatontown, N. J.  
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 Freeman, Mary.....Bridgeport, Conn.  
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 \*Franklin, Rev. W.....Red Bank, N. J.  
 Foulcs, Rev. J. B.....Orange, N. J.  
 \*Forst, D. P.....Trenton, N. J.  
 \*Ferris, Anna J.....Trenton, N. J.  
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 \*Fielding, Robert.....New York.  
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 \*Grigg, Geo.....New Brunswick, N. J.  
 \*Goodall, Seaborn.....Philadelphia,

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Hoag, Angelica.....	Mechanicsville, N. Y.	*Jones, Rev. S. D.....	Rossville, N. Y.
Hatfield, Nellie.....	Troy, N. Y.	*Jones, Lydia A.....	Bristol, Pa.
Hallowell, Mrs.....	Philadelphia.	Jameson, E. C.....	New Egypt, N. J.
Hillman, Jos.....	Troy, N. Y.	*Izard, Wm.....	Clayton, N. J.
*Hughes, Rev. G.....	Ocean Grove.	Jenkins, David.....	Brooklyn, N. Y.
*Hayter, Rev. H. J., Springville, Staten I.		Jenkins, Winnie.....	Brooklyn, N. Y.
*Hostetter, D.....	Lancaster, Pa.	*Ingliss, James.....	Paterson, N. J.
*Hutchinson, C. M.....	Trenton, N. J.	*Johnson, James.....	Paterson, N. J.
*Hardy, J. A.....	New York.	*Jackson, Mary E.....	Philadelphia.
*Higley, H. A.....	Brooklyn, N. Y.	Kidder, Rev. D. P....	Madison, N. J.
*Higley, Sarah.....	" "	Kendrick, Louisa.....	Trenton, N. J.
Hays, Harriet S.....	Wilmington, Del.	*Kite, Peter.....	Trenton, N. J.
*Hulse, Ralph.....	Ocean Grove.	Kenney, Rev. E. T.....	Cressona, Pa.
*Hulse, Margaret.....	Ocean Grove.	King, Mrs. Rev. I. D...	Pemberton, N. J.
*Hughes, Smith E.....	Germantown, Pa.	Kerr, Hermina.....	Philadelphia.
Herbert, Mary E.....	Philadelphia.	*Katzenbach, George.....	Trenton, N. J.
Hammond, Rev. S. M....	Freeport, L. I.	*Kennedy, Alex.....	Philadelphia.
*Hamilton, G. J.....	New York.	Kenney, M. Adele.....	"
Holmes, Jennie. ....	Yonkers, N. Y.	Kenney, Lizzie.....	"
*Hawkhurst, Rev. P....	Po'keepsie, N. Y.	Kemble, Aaron.....	Burlington, N. J.
Hawkhurst, Rev. J. H., N. Hamb'g, N. Y.		*Little, Rev. C. E....	Hackettstown, N. J.
Hall, Chas. H.....	New York.	*Lazear, S. T.....	Warwick, N. Y.
*Heisley, Rev. C. W.....	Salem, N. J.	*Lawrence, Mrs. R. V...	Farmingdale, N. J.
Hammond, Rev. S. P....	Passaic, N. J.	Lipponcott, Anna.....	Philadelphia.
Howe, Rev. J. M.....	New York.	Lawrence, Ednetta.....	Trenton, N. J.
Hawkhurst, Kate.....	Po'keepsie, N. Y.	*Lindsay, J. G.....	Rondout, N. Y.
*Halfman, Barbara.....	Philadelphia.	Lafetra, Emma H.....	Eatontown, N. J.
*Heritage, J. D.....	Philadelphia.	*Lord, Wm.....	Newark, N. J.
*Hanthorn, Enoch.....	Bridgeton, N. J.	*Lazear, Minerva.....	Chicago, Ill.
*Hertzell, W. B.....	Reading, Pa.	*Landon, Rev. T. H.....	Rahway, N. J.
*Harper, Mary A.....	Philadelphia.	Lindsay, J. N.....	Trenton, N. J.
Hemmenway, S.....	New York.	*Lillagore, T. W.....	Philadelphia.
Horton, Eliza.....	Philadelphia.	Lindsay, Sarah A.....	Trenton, N. J.
Humphriss, Rev. R. W....	Philadelphia.		

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 \*Liming, L.....Ocean Grove.  
 Loomis, Rev. B. B...Ballston Spa, N. Y.  
 \*Leary, W. A....Philadelphia.  
 \*Leek, Hannah M.....Brooklyn, N. Y.  
 \*Leaf, R. T.....Reading, Pa.  
 \*Lavery, Robt.....New York.  
 \*Lake, Rev. Alvin M.....Blue Ball, N. J.  
 \*Le Chevalier L.....Camden, N. J.  
 \*Moore, Rev. Jas.....Mauricetown, N. J.  
 \*McKee, Sarah E.....Philadelphia.  
 \*Matthews, William.....“  
 \*Matthews, William G.....“  
 Morris, Rev. G. K.....Camden, N. J.  
 \*Masden, Rev. C. P.....Philadelphia.  
 McClune, Thos.....Brandywine, Pa.  
 McGill, Caroline, M...Long Branch, N. J.  
 \*Myers, W. S.....Philadelphia.  
 Martin, J. P.....Hamilton, N. J.  
 \*Mann, Albert.....Orange, N. J.  
 Martin, Mary M.....Lancaster, Pa.  
 McClellan, R. W.....Philadelphia.  
 \*Murray, Maggie E.....Lancaster, Pa.  
 \*Myers, Samuel M.....Lancaster, Pa.  
 \*McPherson, Joseph.....Trenton, N. J.  
 \*McPherson, Thos.....Trenton, N. J.  
 \*Mapps, W. R.....Long Branch, N. J.  
 McDaniels, D.....Wilmington, Del.  
 \*McCauley, Sybilla.....Wilmington, Del.  
 Moody, W.....Philadelphia.  
 Morrow, G. T.....New York.  
 \*Murphy, Sarah A.....New York.  
 \*Morrison, Maggie.....Hightstown, N. J.  
 \*Morrison, Lizzie.....Hightstown, N. J.  
 \*Murphy, H. W.....Freehold, N. J.  
 McIntyre, Cornelia.....Ellenville, N. Y.  
 Morrison, S. D.....West Point, N. Y.  
 McComas, Rev. N.....Tamaqua, Pa.  
 Moffet, Rev. W. W.....Mattawan, N. J.  
 \*Miller, Robt G.....New Brunswick, N. J.  
 \*Mead, A. H.....Camden, N. J.  
 \*Maddock, Rev. G. C...Long Branch, N. J.  
 McClain, O. D.....New York.  
 Miller, Fanny.....Philadelphia.  
 Moore, H. P.....San Bernardino, Cal.  
 \*Morrison, Robt.....New York.  
 Morton, Mary J.....Trenton, N. J.  
 Moorehouse, Rev. G. C.....Poultney, Vt.  
 Mead, Rev. M. B.....Lansingburg, N. Y.  
 Maynard, Frank H.....Providence, R. I.  
 Mullock, Emeline.....Middletown, N. Y.  
 \*McKnight, Andora E.....Reading, Pa.  
 McDougall, Jennie C.....Bridgeton, N. J.  
 \*McCall, Lavina.....New York.  
 \*McKay, Stephen.....Ocean Grove.  
 \*McBride, Rev. H. C.....Ocean Grove.  
 Mason, Rev. Joseph.....Germantown, Pa.  
 \*McKnight, Jas.....Reading, Pa.  
 \*Mossman, Mary H.....Ocean Grove.  
 \*Murray, Tillie.....Milton, Pa.  
 Moses, John.....Trenton, N. J.  
 Martin, A. C.....New York.  
 \*Mackey, A.....Philadelphia.  
 Mann, Mary A.....Trenton, N. J.  
 Moncrieff, Emma.....Bordentown, N. J.  
 \*Morrison, Margaret.....New York.  
 McKean, Rev. Sam'l...Fort Edward, N. Y.  
 \*Mead, Francis E.....Newark, N. J.  
 \*McCabe, Albert.....Ocean Grove.  
 \*McMillan, Mary.....Philadelphia.  
 \*Meeker, Rev. W. H.....Cohoes, N. Y.  
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 Metcalf, Almira R.....Royalston, Mass.  
 Muhlenburg, Kate.....Reading, Pa.  
 \*Moynan, Elizabeth.....New York.  
 Mahurg, G. M.....Trenton, N. J.  
 \*Mittimore, John.....Reading, Pa.  
 Mulford, Mary J.....Philadelphia.  
 \*Newton, R. N.....Albany, N. Y.  
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 \*Newell, Dr. Azariah D. “  
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 Neely, Elizabeth.....Philadelphia.  
 Neafie, John.....Freehold, N. J.  
 Oldknow, Kate.....Philadelphia.  
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 Osborn, Sarah.....“  
 Osborn, Sarah A.....“  
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 \*Orelup, John.....Cohoes, N. Y.  
 Orr, Rev. T. X.....Philadelphia.  
 Owen, Mary A....New York.  
 \*Opdyke, Rev. H. D.....Staten Island.  
 \*Platt, Rev. S. H.....Brooklyn, N. Y.  
 \*Perrins, Thomas....Philadelphia.  
 Potter, Maggie E.....Philadelphia.  
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 \*Parks, S.....Troy, N. Y.  
 \*Peacock, Joshua.....Camden, N. J.  
 \*Phillips, John.....Neshannock, Pa.  
 \*Phillips, William.....Trenton, N. J.  
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 \*Parker, Sarah W.....New York.  
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 \*Pearkes, Susan.....Brooklyn, N. Y.



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 \*Reese, Mary A.....Ocean Grove.  
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 Robinson, Jas. H.....Trenton, N. J.  
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 Rue, Edmund.....Burlington, N. J.  
 Rumsey, G. A.....Salem, N. J.  
 \*Runyon, John.....New Brunswick, N. J.  
 \*Rainear, Lewis.....Ocean Grove.  
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 Rumsey, Henry M.....Salem, N. J.  
 Reed, John J.....Staten Island.  
 Rogers, Susan A.....New York.  
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 \*Rogers, Elizabeth D.....Ocean Grove.  
 \*Reed, Aaron.....Ocean Grove.  
 \*Reeves, Caroline B.....Newark, N. J.  
 \*Rushworth, Nancy.....Philadelphia.  
 Richards, Mary.....Brooklyn, N. Y.  
 Robinson, Margaret.....Philadelphia.  
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 Reeves, Elizabeth B.....Mt. Holly, N. J.  
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 \*Reeder, Margaret.....Trenton, N. J.  
 \*Robinson, Rev. W. C.....Philadelphia.  
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 \*Rogers, Stephen C.....Ocean Grove.  
 \*Shrady, Jacob.....New York.  
 Shrady, William....."  
 \*Shrady, John....."  
 \*Stevens, Isaac....."  
 \*Scott, William.....Brooklyn, N. Y.  
 Scott, W. E....."  
 \*Stevenson, Catherine....."  
 \*Sanders, Rev. H. M.....Yonkers, N. Y.  
 \*Sanders, Elizabeth B.....Rahway, N. J.  
 Stout, Richard.....Farmingdale, N. J.  
 \*Sulger, Anna B.....Trenton, N. J.  
 \*Slocum, Eunice.....Long Branch, N. J.  
 \*Slocum, Elizabeth.....Long Branch, N. J.  
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 \*Sturdevant, J.....Wilkesbarre, Pa.  
 \*Sissons, Caroline C.....Lyons, N. Y.  
 \*Smith, Henry C.....New York.  
 Smith, Samuel T.....Waterloo, N. Y.  
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## CHAT WITH OUR LOT HOLDERS.

The resolution passed by the Association at its meeting in September, directing the publication of the PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT, also required that the names and residence of each lot owner should be printed in connection therewith. The foregoing is the result of that order. We have aimed to make the list as complete as possible, and yet it is quite probable there are some errors.

It is a long array of respectable and honored men and women, to whom we feel attached with strong Christian affection, and for whose spiritual and eternal welfare we are constantly laboring. We ask you to labor with us to maintain the moral and religious character of Ocean Grove as originally designed.

Each one of us in accepting a lease from the Ocean Grove Camp Meeting Association, agreed to certain restrictions and regulations, ordained for *our mutual protection*.

We are glad to say that the more fully our people come to understand this, the more heartily do they approve and endorse them all.

Upon examination, not one of them will be found unreasonable or arbitrary. They bind equally upon the individual members of the Association as upon you. The Association makes no rules they are not willing to be governed by themselves. To the observance of these rules the quiet of our community is to be attributed.

I ask your special attention to the statement in your lease, that your property shall not be occupied for other purposes than as a private residence from the 15th of May to the 30th of October, *without the written consent of the Executive Committee*. Why? The large majority of our property owners are, during the fall, winter and spring months, at their homes, some of them hundreds of miles away. Your next door neighbor chooses to rent his cottage during the winter, for a few dollars, to *any that may apply*. The party renting, proving to be irresponsible and disorderly, takes advantage of your absence, overruns your grounds and property, committing depredations of various kinds, so that when you return in the spring, instead of the neatness and order which you left, you find confusion and destruction on every hand. We simply propose to hold a check in this matter, *and protect you*, by allowing none to remain upon the grounds through the winter without a written permission, taking care to give such permission to none but *orderly persons* whom *we know*, or are well *recommended*. Trouble is *invariably* the result of a disregard of this rule. Please, therefore, do not rent your property for next winter without applying for the written permission, stating *always the name of the party to whom you propose to rent*.

Having said this much about rules, let me add, before closing, that we are receiving from all directions the most encouraging accounts from the home churches of the influence of our meetings last summer. This gives us great satisfaction, and we are already making arrangements for a series of meetings for next season, which we trust will be still more powerful for good. Pray, everywhere, that God may be glorified by us at Ocean Grove.

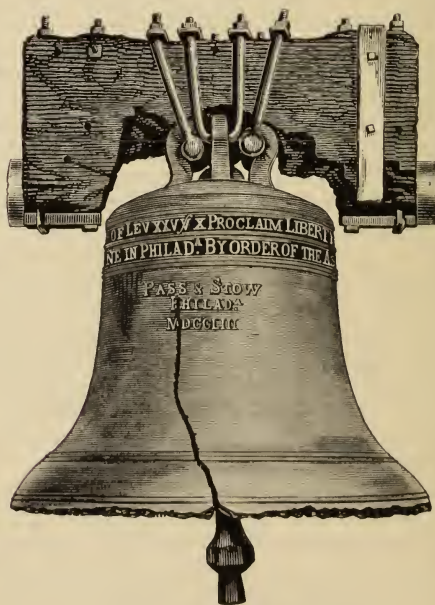
Very truly yours,

E. H. STOKES,

## SCHEDULE OF LABOR.

The following Schedule of Labor was crowded out of its appropriate place in the body of the Report, and is inserted here for the benefit of those interested in such matters.

Months.	Year.	Men.	Days.	Teams.	Days.	Carts.	Days.	Monthly Pay.
September,	1875	31	443 $\frac{1}{4}$	4	52 $\frac{1}{2}$	2	15 $\frac{1}{2}$	\$1,503 97
October,	"	30	357 $\frac{1}{4}$	1	3	7	32 $\frac{3}{4}$	938 75
November,	"	41	704	2	7 $\frac{1}{4}$	10	163	1,517 66
December,	"	41	761 $\frac{1}{2}$	1	10	11	205	1,609 26
January,	1876	39	582 $\frac{1}{2}$	1	19 $\frac{1}{2}$	11	104 $\frac{1}{2}$	1,188 15
February,	"	15	196 $\frac{3}{4}$	1	11 $\frac{3}{4}$	...	.....	597 08
March,	"	12	201 $\frac{3}{4}$	1	2	...	.....	580 29
April,	"	15	204 $\frac{1}{4}$	1	1	2	12 $\frac{3}{4}$	646 14
May,	"	16	347 $\frac{1}{2}$	1	3	2	27 $\frac{1}{2}$	740 04
June,	"	27	496 $\frac{1}{2}$	3	24	2	45 $\frac{3}{4}$	1,076 53
July,	"	36	776 $\frac{1}{4}$	3	63	3	73 $\frac{1}{2}$	1,703 63
August,	"	37	846 $\frac{1}{2}$	3	81	3	56	1,987 03
Total.....			5,918		278		726 $\frac{1}{4}$	\$14,088 53



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OF THE

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"In the beginning, God," at Ocean Grove,  
Was humbly sought, and He did so appear,  
That our poor hearts were melted by his love,  
And his sweet spirit filled each worshipper;  
And so, for aye, upon this holy ground,  
The lifted cross shall show atoning blood,  
And in these shades where sea-songs ceaseless sound,  
Unnumbered souls shall find their way to God.

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# EIGHTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

## President of Ocean Grove Camp-Meeting Association.

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OCTOBER 9TH, 1877.

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To the Members of the Association:

DEAR BRETHREN—

This is our Eighth Annual Assemblage. We are met to review the past, to examine the present, and, as far as may be, to anticipate the future. In so doing we shall need special endowments of that wisdom which comes from above, and the fear and favor of Him without whom all human enterprises are vain.

It is a matter of thanksgiving, that, in the past, God's blessing has not been withheld, and we have the fullest confidence, if we are faithful, that its bestowment in the largest measure will continue to be realized. For this we continuously and devoutly pray.

At these Annual Meetings we are wont to grasp warm hands, and to greet familiar faces. We have learned, as we have here labored to promote God's cause, to love each other as we never should but for these mutual toils. We are older, by eight years, than when we commenced this work. With some there are more grey hairs and less elasticity of step. We are nearer the eternal rest than when this enterprize was organized. Some of our number have already reached the land of the good. Cookman, Lawrence, Franklin; and we have now to add that

since our last Annual Meeting, the saintly John H. Stockton has gone up to be forever with the Lord. We shall miss his Christly smile, his holy songs, and his cheerful words. He was an efficient helper in our Ocean Grove work. He did all that his feeble health allowed, and gladly would have accomplished more. But the Master has sounded in his ears the blessed "well done," and he has joined the redeemed and blood-washed of whom he so often triumphantly sung. Dear brethren,—

"May we triumph so  
When all our warfare's past,  
And, dying, find our latest foe  
Under our feet at last."

A well-executed picture of him is found upon the walls of our Association rooms, side-by-side with his departed compeers.

It is proper to add that one of our number, the pioneer in this enterprise, Rev. W. B. Osborn, three days ago left this country for India, as a missionary of the cross. Our prayers follow him, that he may be a blessing to the people of that benighted country.

The year just closed has been one of enlarged responsibility. This is not surprising, for each year our enterprise expands, and visitors so multiply that the burthen of management must, in the nature of things, increase. But, while we say this, we think we are also justified in saying that this has been a year of enlarged success. I am aware that a similar remark is made in each Annual Report. But if truth will not enable us to say this, then each year there must be a comparative failure, for each year the field of our opportunity is enlarged.

The Executive Committee, to which, as a matter of necessity, important business is always referred at our Annual Meeting, has held twelve sessions during the year, for the consideration and execution of its work. At these meetings there is generally an attendance of all the members, though often at considerable personal sacrifice. Frequently, too, the business submitted is of the most pressing character, requiring the largest endowments of wisdom: and often, after exercising the united and best judgment of the body, some particular want failing to be met, censure comes, when only the public good was sought. Nevertheless, the Committee has persevered in its work, always without charge to the Association, except for traveling expenses—keeping an eye single to great fundamental principles, and willing to wait for its rewards to the great and final day.



HAMILTON COTTAGE.

Cor. Central and Main avenues.

I now call your attention to the *material accomplishments of the year*.

It is important always to keep in mind, in connection with the work of the year, that there are public improvements wrought by the Association, in which we are more particularly concerned, and those of a private character, in which we, with all others, are likewise interested. It should also be remembered that any statement of the work of a whole year, however particular and definite, fails to reach a thousand things—each of which involves time and money, and cannot be dispensed with in an enterprise like this.

About the first work engaged in, after the last Annual Meeting, was the construction of cisterns for holding water in case of fire. Two were built, one at the corner of Pitman and Beach avenues, and one at the corner of Surf and Beach avenues, at a cost of \$108.50 each. In proceeding with the others, the workmen struck water before a sufficient depth for large cisterns had been reached. It was then determined in such cases to make *wells* as cheaper and better adapted to our wants. Four



were thus dug—one near the New Tabernacle ; one corner of Main and New Jersey avenues ; one corner of Heck and New York avenues ; and one corner of Embury and Beach avenues—at a cost of \$56.50 each. Happily, thus far we have had no cause to use them for the purpose of extinguishing fire.

During part of the winter our workmen were engaged in building forty additional portable kitchens, for use in connection with our tents—all of which were in demand during the summer season.

A large surf boat, 23 feet long, with 7 feet beam, called "THE OCEAN GROVE," was built during the winter by our men, at a cost of \$53, and is worth at least \$90. This boat was launched on the 5th of September, and is to be used by our men in case of wreck upon our shores.



With the opening spring we commenced the erection of the TABERNACLE, to take the place of the large canvas tent heretofore in use. It was originally designed simply to erect a frame with permanent roof, and use curtains for the sides, as a protection from sun and rain. As the work progressed, however, it was thought well to make a permanent enclosure, as being the best and cheapest in the end. The building, as completed,



partly by contract and partly by our own workmen, 60 by 80 feet, outside posts 14 feet, and center posts 16 feet high, with cupola, cost, including 32 new seats, 5 reflectors, gas fittings, grading, cement floor, and lettering, \$2,362.85, and is capable of accommodating, with the use of camp chairs, about 1,000 persons.

The next work of magnitude was the erection of flood gates, flume and dam at the foot of Fletcher lake. The old gates and dam were broken away by the winter storms, and as there would be considerable expense involved in their repair, and as they were not in the proper place, it was thought advisable to change the location, and, for utility and appearance, place them nearer to the sea. This has been done, and gates, flume and dam so constructed that it is believed their power of resistance will be equal to all emergencies, at a cost, including a vast amount of digging by our own men, of \$2,400—a sum larger, by several hundred dollars, than it would have been but for a combination of circumstances over which, at the time, we had no control. It is proper to mention, in this connection, that upon an examination of our ground at the foot of Fletcher lake, for the erection of bath houses, it was found that our lines ran too far north to allow sufficient room, without obstructing the view down Broadway, and also to find an outlet for the waters of the lake, unless we encroached upon lands owned by James A. Bradley. Upon an explanation of the situation to him, he at once agreed to donate to us land for an outlet to the lake, south of the bath-houses, 120 feet broad at the base, and 350 feet deep, running westward to a wedge, while we were at the entire expense of gates, flume and dam.

The need of a plank walk and more light by night, along the ocean front, has been one of the felt needs at Ocean Grove for several years. To meet this demand a footway was laid in July last, just beyond the reach of the surf, 2,835 feet long, and 6 feet wide, reaching from lake to lake, with a line of 21 lamps, which nicely light the beach and aid in preserving order thereon. In the expense of this work we were liberally aided by the very generous donations of Mr. Joseph Ross, lessee of the bathing privileges at Wesley lake, and Mr. T. W. Lillagore, lessee of the same at Fletcher lake. Both these gentlemen have our thanks, for while the construction of the walk materially aided them, their generous contributions materially aided us. No improvement made at this place has met with more general approval, or been more thoroughly used and enjoyed.



BATHING SCENE,  
Foot of Wesley Lake.

It will be proper to state, in this connection, that the adjustment of the bathing question, after the expiration of the lease of Mr. W. T. Street, was one that gave the Executive Committee a great amount of solicitude and care. The fact that Mr. Street owned the bath-houses, and the Association owned the land, increased the complications. The easiest solution seemed to be for the Association to purchase the buildings erected by Mr. Street, including the use of the life-lines all along our coast, for which he held the patent, for the full term to which his patent extends. This, after much deliberation and consultation, was finally consummated. These were afterwards leased to Geo. W. Evans, together with the bathing privilege for one year, though he afterwards transferred the privilege, with all its financial interest, with the consent of the Executive Committee, to Jos. Ross, the Committee holding Mr. Evans responsible for the manner in which the business should be conducted. I think there has been very general satisfaction at that point.

Mr. T. W. Lillagore has a lease on the grounds and for the privilege of conducting the bathing business at the foot of Fletcher lake for a pe-

riod of five years. This is a new enterprise, and as the lessee had expended considerable money in the erection of buildings, much interest was felt by himself and friends as to ultimate results. I think, however, that the sequel, thus far, has been such as to inspire hope that finally Fletcher lake will secure a sufficient amount of public favor to make it a success. The style of buildings and the manner in which the business has been conducted, meets, I think, with general approval.

The small store-house next to the large one owned by the Association, and kept, during the past year, by Geo. W. Martin, belonged to Mr. Jamison. In closing up his business here he desired to dispose of this property, and the Executive Committee finally concluded to purchase it, with the two little buildings at its side. These and the large Association store adjoining, have been leased to Mr. Martin—the first for three years, and the latter for one year. Mr. Martin has shown himself gentlemanly and obliging, and while the business has been large, and, during two or three months, pressing, yet its general management has been satisfactory.

When Mr. Jamison closed his business he had considerable furniture on hand, such as chairs, tables, bedsteads, mattresses, wash-stands, &c., articles always in demand by our summer population, which he desired to sell. The Executive Committee bought this, also, and its rental during the past season has paid a good interest on the investment.

In conducting our meetings through the summer, the congregations so increased that numbers had to stand at almost every service. Fifty new settees, 13 feet long, were therefore added, giving us now sitting capacity in the auditorium for from 2,500 to 3,000 people; yet this is found to be insufficient, and seats must still be multiplied for another year.

Your attention was last year called to the condition of our avenues and side-walks, as not being all that we could desire. There has been some improvement in this direction during the year just closed. Central avenue has been extended, this year, from Broadway to Clark, a distance of two blocks; the wagon-way clayed and graveled, and the side-walks on the west side made. The same is true of Cookman avenue, from Central up to Pilgrim pathway, one block. The opening of these avenues became a necessity, from the fact that these localities were being built upon, and the neighborhood generally improved.

The following side-walks have been repaired: East side of Central, from Main to Wesley lake; Beach avenue, both sides, from Main to Wesley lake; Ocean avenue, west side, for the same distance; Atlantic avenue, both sides, from Beach to Ocean; Surf avenue, north side, from Beach to Ocean; McClintock street, both sides, from Beach to Ocean; Ocean pathway, north side, from Central to Ocean; Pitman avenue, south



side, from Beach to Ocean ; Webb avenue, north side, from Central to Ocean ; Pilgrim pathway, from Broadway to Cookman ; New York avenue, from Mt. Tabor to Mt. Hermon way. The whole distance of sidewalks improved, one mile and an eighth.

Avenues have been clayed and graveled as follows : Webb, from Central to Ocean ; Atlantic, from Beach to Ocean, on both sides of the Avenue park ; Surf avenue, north side of the Avenue park ; Broadway, from Beach to Ocean. In connection with this last item it is in place to say that in arranging for the new dam and gateway at the foot of Fletcher Lake, many men and teams were employed in digging and removing earth from the northern boundary of the lake, hauling it out, and leveling up the depressions between Broadway and the lake, so as to prevent the winter overflow of water from the sea, and at the same time greatly improving the condition and appearance of both lake and land. One-half mile of avenues have thus been clayed and gravelled, and 540 feet of new avenues opened. To make these improvements, much of the clay had to be brought a distance of two miles, at a cost of about 35 cents per load. The gravel is obtained upon our own grounds, but even then has to be hauled oftentimes the distance of a half mile. In the early summer Mr. Britton White granted us the privilege of taking out quite a large quantity of clay, located about a hundred yards south of the depot, on the simple condition that we filled up the cavity made by its removal. This grant we availed ourselves of, with thanks to the donor, and so saved the cost of purchase and at least three-fourths the distance of cartage. More remains for our removal, as opportunity shall afford. There is yet much labor to be done on sidewalks and avenues, which will be performed as soon as means allow.



SEA SCENE.



SHELDEN HOUSE,  
Surf avenue.

#### IMPROVEMENTS MADE BY PRIVATE PARTIES.

It is a subject of general remark that while there is considerable depression in trade in other districts, this is not true of this locality. Activity in the building department continues and increases. At the Annual Meeting, last year, we had 417 cottages and 21 boarding-houses; this year we have 474 cottages and 27 boarding-houses, an increase of 57 cottages and 4 boarding-houses; total 501—an increase of 61 buildings over last year, and 11 cottages enlarged and improved. A number of those erected simply as private cottages, and so enumerated in the above statement, nevertheless keep boarders, many of them through the whole season, and still others during the time of camp-meeting. It is proper to say, too, that some of the finest and most costly buildings on these grounds have been erected during the year just closed. In addition to the above there are at the present time 17 buildings in course of erection, some of which are large, substantial and imposing structures. A number of others are also arranging to build during the autumn and winter.



## FIRE DEPARTMENT.

This remains as at our last Annual Meeting, with the exception of the six large wells or cisterns, located at suitable points in case of fire. It is a matter of continued gratitude that thus far we have had no need for more perfect fire-extinguishing arrangements. By the careless use of matches, in the hands of a little colored boy, a private tent with its contents was consumed during the summer; but no other damage was sustained. The whole subject should be carefully studied by you, and such further action had as you may deem important.

## RAILROAD.

This is such an important factor, in connection with our interests, that an Annual Report, referring to the history of the year, would be incomplete without reference to its work and influence. It is a matter that has two important, and, I might add, somewhat evenly balanced sides. It is a convenience and sometimes a disturber—a convenience in view of the demand for rapid transit, and sometimes a disturber in view of the religious character of our place. Still, the railroad is a fact, and one which, when viewed in every phase of which it is capable, will doubtless in its aggregations prove a blessing. Through the courtesy of gentlemen connected with the railroad, we have reached a close approximation of the amount of travel to this place during the months of May, June, July, August and September, and is as follows:

Number of tickets sold to and from Ocean Grove and Asbury Park depot, including 48 excursions and all commuters, 710,000. Number of persons estimated as entering our grounds by private conveyance, over 25,000.

From the above it will appear that the number of persons visiting this vicinity is very large. The excursion element is one that occupies much prominence in this estimate. It should be said, also, that as a rule the persons coming on these excursions have been of the better class. As an Association, we have hitherto made no arrangement for them. It was not supposed that they would be attracted here, and, in view of the fact that we had so many meetings, it was not desired that they should be. But the whole matter is now changed, and come they will and must.

They come with their lunch-baskets by scores and hundreds, and it has required vigilant effort on the part of our assistants to prevent our auditorium from becoming a dining-saloon. When informed that they could not eat there, ladies, gentlemen and children, in the most respectful and orderly way, have simply asked, "Where shall we go?" The reply has

been, "We have no place for this purpose." This has placed us at a comparative disadvantage. The erection of some kind of a place, however simple and inexpensive, in the neighborhood of Thompson park, will not, I am sure, increase, but rather diminish the difficulty. I commend this to your attention.

### HEALTH.

The declaration made in the report of last year, and the year before, concerning the excellent sanitary condition of this place, may be repeated this year. This has been true from the beginning, and, whatever may have been said to the contrary, still remains true. The utmost care is bestowed upon all parts of the ground, and especially among the tents, so that nothing offensive is allowed to remain, and the regular removal of the garbage daily keeps everything clean and pure. If all persons occupying cottages or tents will aid us in this endeavor, all causes of complaint will forever cease.

There is, of course, among so many thousands, more or less sickness—less by far than we might anticipate in view of the fact that vast numbers seem to abandon every sanitary rule and regulation that has governed them at home, and in the change of atmosphere, diet and pursuits, give themselves over to days and weeks of pleasure without restraint. As much care observed here as at home will not only prevent sickness, but promote health.

I desire to repeat, with increased earnestness, the recommendation of last year concerning the appointment of a Board of Health. In order that we may be kept informed of the actual sanitary condition from week to week, let at least three judicious persons be appointed, who shall have supervision of all matters relating to this department of the place, and to whom all physicians desiring to practice here shall submit their credentials, and to whom they shall make weekly reports of the number of their patients, and the character of their diseases; also any deaths that may occur in their practice.

I have the satisfaction of stating to you that while the number of persons visiting the Grove the past season has vastly exceeded that of any other year, yet there were only four more deaths, viz.: Francis R. Ayers, son of Joseph and Carrie Ayers, of Boston, Mass., died May 27th, aged 3 years and 4 months, of water on the brain. Tillie Crittenden, daughter of Rev. E. C. and Martha Ray, of Elizabeth, N. J., died August 2d, aged 7 months and 9 days; cause general debility. James Weir, of New York city, died suddenly of heart disease on the 9th of August, aged 70. Harry R. Frazell, son of Rev. William B. Frazell, of the Upper Iowa

Conference, died August 10th, aged 6 years and 6 months, of inflammation of the brain. Sallie Scott Cooper, daughter of Rev. S. Cooper, of Galena, Kent co., Md., died on the 18th of August, of consumption, aged 15 years and 10 months. This young lady was very ill when she came. Courtney S. Hartley, son of J. and M. E. Hartley, of Paterson, N. J., died on Saturday, September 1st, of cholera infantum, aged 1 year and 21 days. Martha Darrah, of Trenton, N. J., died September 3rd, having reached the end of her pilgrimage, aged 86. The life of this aged saint was, in the estimation of her friends, not only prolonged, but her last days greatly comforted by her residence by the sea. George Ballantyne, of Frankford, Pa., died on Wednesday, September 12th, of typhoid fever, aged 30 years. His death was superinduced, as is thought, by too great exposure at the ocean. Eight in all. Is it not a cause for devout gratitude to Almighty God, in view of all the multitudes who summer here, that there should be so few? I doubt if anywhere in the land, with numbers so vast, there can be shown a death rate so meagre.

#### CEMETERY.

There is, however, another subject closely allied to this, that needs attention. The above cases of death occurred among those who simply summer here. There is another class to be considered—the settled population. This whole neighborhood is rapidly filling up. There are many families who are making, and many more who will make this place and vicinity their permanent homes. Among these families there will be, as everywhere, deaths annually occurring. One of this kind, Mrs. Martha Godfrey, wife of Thompson A. Godfrey, Esq., aged 66 years, after a residence at this place of about 6 years, has just taken place. She was much attached to Ocean Grove, and did not wish to be taken from it even in death. We have buried her temporarily beside the church, to be removed when a permanent cemetery shall have been located. I most earnestly commend this subject to your attention, and think it would be well to appoint a committee authorized to act in reference to the matter.

#### DRAINAGE.

I now place before your minds another important subject. It is the drainage question. As our population increases, the necessity of this becomes more and more apparent. The Executive Committee has had this matter before it, and our worthy treasurer, D. H. Brown, has given it a large amount of personal attention. As a result, a thorough survey of the grounds has been made with reference to the point, and we herewith submit to you a written report upon the subject, prepared with much care, after obtaining all the light that could be had. I trust you will not dismiss it without thorough consideration.





LAKE PATHWAY.

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TENT LIFE.

Large numbers of our people spend the summer in canvas walls. It is to many a pleasant change from the sealed homes they leave behind. There were 605 of these frail dwellings erected last summer—a greater number than any previous year. 321 of these tents belong to the Association; the balance are private property. Most of those belonging to private parties are erected and floored by the men in our employ, upon grounds rented of us for that purpose; but some are erected by the parties owning them, upon their own lots, and so do not come under our supervision at all. Because of the pressure, this year, for tent accommodations, we have purchased 11 new ones, of the larger sizes, and, from present indications, more will be needed for the year to come.

In connection with these tents there were in use during the season 86 portable kitchens, all we have, and still more could have been rented had we been able to supply them.

The rental of tents, kitchens, furniture, &c., increases our annual revenue to an extent that greatly aids us in carrying on our work.

The large canvas tabernacle hitherto in use has been made into flies, curtains, sails, &c., and has done good service in these respects.

### ASSESSMENTS.

It is the constant aim of the Association to keep the assessments upon lots as low as possible. This year it is fixed at \$3. That all the property owners may see the exact condition of this fund and its relation to certain incidental expenses that must accrue from year to year, the benefits of which all enjoy, and for which the people pay in no other way, we insert the following facts :

Cost of lighting grounds the past year.....	\$1,000 00
Policing .....	1,243 00
Removing garbage .....	313 00
Sprinkling streets.....	200 00
Total.....	<u>\$2,756 00</u>

Received on assessments, including arrearages for last year....	\$3,695 40
Surplus this year from assessments, over the above four items of expense.....	939 40
Deficit last year, from assessments, on these items.....	1,988 00
Total deficiency for two years on these points .....	1,048 60

From this exhibit it will be seen that permanent improvements to avenues and side-walks cannot be made with funds derived from present rates of taxation. The highest assessment we have allowed ourselves to make, as will be seen in our printed regulations, is 7 per cent. on \$150, or \$10.50 upon each lot. This amount, if levied, would create a surplus fund over and above these incidental expenses, and enable us to reach our permanent improvements at an earlier date. But, in consideration of our people, we have hesitated, thus far, to make this increased demand. We move in this matter only as the way seems clear and the demand imperative.

### POLICE.

The police regulations, with the advance in our population, become more and more responsible. We have endeavored to conduct this branch of our work with as much economy as prudence would allow. Mr. Tantom is on duty throughout the year ; Major J. C. Patterson, our police justice, and also our chief of police, went on duty July 1st. A third man was added July 7th ; July 23d a fourth man was put on ; a fifth July 27th, and the force so remained until August 15th, when three more were added to the day service, and four to the night. These all remained until after



the Sabbath following the camp-meeting, when a reduction commenced, and continued until we are now down to where we commenced, with one. The highest number employed at one time, according to the above showing, was 12, and the total number of days' service rendered by this force, through the entire year, was 712, at a cost, as already shown, of \$1,243.70. The men thus employed have proven themselves true and faithful to their trusts. The duties performed by them are various. They must remove nuisances of all descriptions, and enforce the rules of the Association.

The chief of police reports to me as follows :

Pack pedlers arrested.....	5
"        required to leave the ground.....	51
Organ grinders required to leave the ground.....	11
"        arrested .....	1
Scissors grinders required to leave the grounds.....	2
Truck pedlers arrested .....	2
Eye-glass pedlers arrested.....	2
Disorderly persons arrested .....	7
Intoxicated persons removed .....	4

It will be seen from the above that we are a special object of interest to pack pedlers. The number named above as removed from the grounds is simply those whom the men reported to the chief ; the actual number sent off is probably four or five times greater. These persons, apart from the annoyance of their calling at cottages and tents at all hours of the day with their wares, which as a rule our people do not want, are of a low moral type, and their presence is peculiarly objectionable, especially among our tents. Some legislation is needed by which these and all other nuisances shall not only be ejected from the grounds, but punished according to law ; and but little time will be required to suppress them altogether.

## DOGS.

Last year we were considerably annoyed with dogs. To relieve us in this respect, an ordinance was passed requiring all dogs running upon our grounds to be muzzled, after a given date, under penalty of arrest ; and, in case they were not redeemed in 24 hours, shot. This rule has generally been observed ; but in two cases of failure, after due notice to the owners, the dogs were destroyed. As a result, we have been less annoyed than usual ; still, we implore our friends who come to spend the summer with us, wherever it is possible, to leave their dogs at home.

## HACKS, STAGES, BAGGAGE AND MARKET-MEN.

The following is a correct statement of the number of persons under the above classification, doing business in Ocean Grove, living outside of our grounds :

Number of hacks with two horses.....	43
“ hacks with one horse.....	6
“ omnibuses to and from depot.....	7
“ “ from Ocean Grove to Ocean Beach.....	4
“ “ to Sunset lake.....	2
“ wagons with country produce.....	39
“ regular milk dealers.....	13
“ regular fish dealers.....	6
“ butchers.....	6
“ bakers.....	3
“ furniture dealers.....	2
“ grocers.....	5
“ ice-cream dealers.....	2
Total.....	<hr/> 138

To say nothing of the almost countless number of persons who come occasionally for purposes of traffic.

It will thus be seen, at a glance, that the number of persons doing business in Ocean Grove, who in no way whatever aid in keeping roads and other things in proper order, is large. And this number is constantly increasing. It is clearly evident, therefore, that some measures should be adopted by which these persons deriving the advantages of trade from us, should be responsible for their portion of the expense of repairs, and that stages, hacks and baggage-wagons be required to have licenses, for which they shall pay a reasonable sum, and be held to a regular scale of prices for their work. I commend these things to your careful attention.

The question of a market-stand for dealers in country produce, is one that has occupied the attention of the Executive Committee to some extent. It is not without its difficulties. In some sense it would be a relief, in other views an inconvenience. Our people are often annoyed with the great frequency of the calls of produce dealers; while to locate them all at one point, and require them to wait for customers, would be a delay to them, and also an inconvenience to those living remote from the stand or market. I leave the subject to your united and better judgment.

## PARKS.

We have within our enclosure ten plots of ground left for parks, viz.: Thompson, Greenleaf, Woodlawn, Evergreen, McKendrie, Central, Memorial, Centennial, Park Square and Park Heights, to say nothing of the unnamed plots—four on Ocean Pathway, and ten others, one at the foot of each avenue as it widens out to the sea—24 in all.

Upon these parks there has been some labor bestowed, but no considerable outlays of money, for the reason that funds were in greater demand for other improvements, less ethical and more substantial. It will now be seen, however, that on several of these plots, as well as around the congregation grounds, quite a number of the smaller trees are dying. This grows out of the fact that they were in many cases merely shoots, with but little root, from stumps partly decayed. What is now needed is that strong, healthy maples and poplar trees, of as large size as are safe to transplant, be set in the places made vacant by such deaths, and this practice continued from year to year. Please give direction in this matter.

## WESLEY LAKE.

This placid little sheet of water is still a great source of pleasure to our people. Its waters continue pure, and are used by tens of thousands every year. The boats upon it number between four and five hundred. Its Sabbath stillness is uniformly preserved. However many may be seen gliding over its bosom up to a late hour on Saturday night, when Sabbath comes, every boat, excepting those at the little ferry, where persons cross to and from religious services, is quietly moored along the shore until Monday morning. For the preservation of order among so many upon this lake, Asbury park appointed Uriah White and John A. Githens, and Ocean Grove appointed D. H. Brown and E. H. Stokes, who together constituted a joint Board, which during the past season has had the entire supervision of this sheet of water. The Board adopted rules and regulations to be observed, such as numbering the boats, registering the names of owners or lessees, and together appointed a policeman, to be paid jointly and equally by the two corporations, whose duties were to attend to the lake alone. The result has been an improved condition of things generally, and we think, with the experience of the past, a nearer approach to perfection may be had next year. The question of a steamboat upon the lake was one to which the Association, and the people generally on this side, were opposed. But as some advances had been made in the way of preparation, and some desire had been expressed in other quarters

to have it, the Board finally consented that the proprietors should have the privilege of trial for a period of six days. If at the expiration of that time there should be any expressed dissatisfaction, it should be removed. The privilege was never extended or withdrawn, and in this way the boat run through part of the season. I do not think it was a great success. Perhaps, in the main, with the exception of sometimes running at too high a rate of speed, not a decided evil. Its continuance, however, for another season, in view of the large number of small boats worked by children or persons not skilled in the use of oars, should not be allowed without the full consent of the joint Board, and then only under fully-prescribed and well-understood regulations.

I am still of the opinion, as last year, that boats doing business on the lake, in the way of carrying passengers, of which there are a great many, and some of them make, though in a small way, considerable money, should pay a license for the privilege—which license fee would go far towards paying the expense of a special police to keep them in order.

#### FLETCHER LAKE.

The foot of this lake has been improved by the erection of bath-houses, permanent dam, flood-gates and flume nearer to the sea. This adds somewhat to the length, while the excavations made for filling up the south side of Broadway widens it, so that there is a decided advance in the appearance of this sheet of water. There is also great advantage secured by the leveling up of the low grounds immediately on its northern edge. Time, labor and money will make this an interesting and beautiful part of our property.

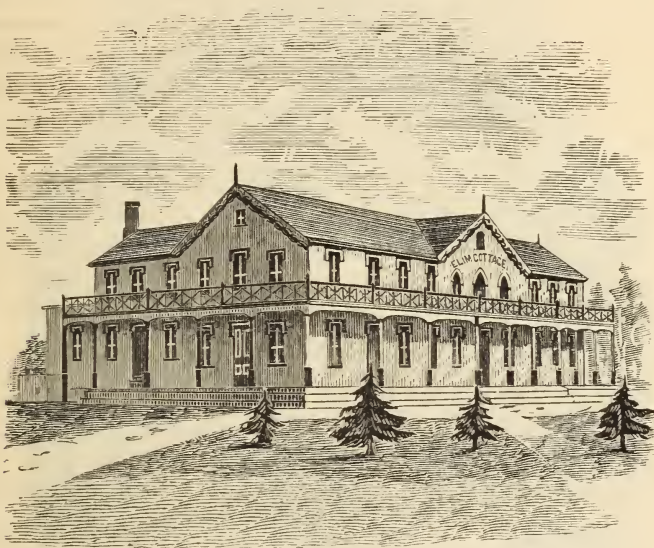
#### LUMBER YARD.

The location of our lumber yard has for sometime past been objectionable, owing to its appearance in so conspicuous a place, and its proximity to so many large and valuable buildings in case of fire.

Its removal has frequently been under consideration, but the difficulty of fixing upon a suitable spot on which to locate it, has thus far caused its delay. The time seems now to have arrived when something must be done. The grounds now occupied can be used more advantageously, and the locality much improved in appearance. The place selected is the southeast corner of Thompson Park, which is the northwest corner of Bath and Central avenues, east of the ladies' cottage. The enclosure can be made tasteful in appearance, including in it the gentlemen's retirement, so that none but those who visit it will know of its existence there. Still, objections are made to that locality, as there will be to any we may select, especially as it is important to have the lumber as near the tenting



grounds as possible, in order that the cost of hauling it twice every season may be kept as low as possible. We have already commenced depositing the lumber at that place, with a view to its permanency; still, the work has not advanced so far that it cannot be changed if the Association can suggest a better spot.



ELIM COTTAGE.

This enterprise, providing a resting place for the weary ministers of Jesus, of all denominations, at a cost within their reach—under the direction of the Ladies' Union Aid Society of Ocean Grove, has closed the second year of its history. Upon an examination of the register it is found that 45 ministers, accompanied in some instances by their wives and others, 67 in all, have enjoyed its benefits during the season past. Among these we found Presbyterians, Baptists, Evangelical Lutherans, Dutch Reformed, Protestant Episcopalians, Reformed Episcopalians, Methodists, Quakers and Congregationalists—coming from New York, New Jersey, Rhode Island, Connecticut, Ohio, Illinois, Kentucky, Indiana, Pennsylvania and the Indian Territory. These have been entertained at a cost varying according to ability, from \$4 to \$7 per week—sums, as will be seen, barely sufficient to meet the actual cost of maintaining the table, while the other expenses of matron, help, &c., have to be met by volunteer contributions. The ladies, in the management of this interest,



kindly ask for sympathy and assistance to enable them to enlarge and improve the accommodations, so that they may gather from all parts and from all denominations, additional numbers to enjoy the quiet of their Elim rest.



ST. PAUL'S METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

This church, located inside of Ocean Grove lines, near the entrance gate, facing the turnpike, from which is the main entrance, is designed as a place of worship for the settled population of all the adjoining neighborhoods. It has a regular pastor, (Rev. W. T. Abbott), appointed by the New Jersey Conference, a large congregation, a flourishing Sabbath-school, and a membership of 150, which raised last year, for pastor's salary, benevolent objects, and other church expenses, about \$1,700.



### OCEAN GROVE LITERATURE.

As ordered by the last Annual Meeting, we published, in November last, 2,000 copies of the Seventh Annual Report, including the names of lot-owners, under the general title of "*Centennial by the Sea*," at a cost of \$190. A copy is sent to every lot-holder gratuitously, and the balance of the edition has been distributed to parties where likely to accomplish the most good.

In May, of this year, 3,000 copies of the eighth number of our *Ocean Grove Annual* was issued, giving such information as the public desire to know about our meetings, general arrangements for the year, and all that seems important to communicate to persons not acquainted with our city by the sea. These are largely circulated by persons who come here sending them to their friends at home.

The secular papers have given us a larger share of respectful attention this year than ever before. Reporters from a number of papers have been on the ground most of the summer, and, so far as I know, their comments have always been fair, and sometimes flattering. The religious press, as a rule, has done us justice, and correspondents without number, all over the land, have given us honorable mention.

*The Philadelphian and Ocean Grove Record*, the private enterprise of Rev. A. Wallace, still lives, and such is the value of its life that no real

friend of Ocean Grove can afford to have it die. As it is a valuable medium of communication between this place and all interested in it, its weekly visits, not only during the summer, but (if possible) still more through the winter, when most visitors are at their distant homes, would be sadly missed. Whatever you can do as an Association, or as individuals, to help this paper to a more vigorous existence, should be cheerfully done. I commend it most heartily to all.

#### POST OFFICE.

Letters sent this year.....	97,696
Letters sent last year.....	75,819
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Increase over last year. ....	21,877
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Letters received this year.....	99,496
Letters received last year.....	80,000
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Increase over last year.....	19,496
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#### TELEGRAMS.

Sent this year.....	3,237
Being an increase of about one-fourth over last year.	

In connection with the postal and telegraph departments, I will state that some little improvement and re-arrangement of the building in which these offices are located have been made, affording increased facilities for the distribution of the mails; but these are only temporary, and are not supposed to do away with the constantly-growing necessity for a building larger and better adapted to the work.

#### INVENTORY.

The itemized inventory of property which is usually published in connection with the Annual Report, differing but little in its details from the past, is omitted this year, to make room for other matter.

#### RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES.

Receipts from all sources for the year ending September 1, 1877, including notes discounted .....	\$44,057 42
Expenditures.....	41,891 23
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Balance in treasury, September 1, 1877.....	2,166 19

This balance was immediately absorbed, however, and two or three thousand dollars additional, to meet maturing notes.

## ASSETS.

General inventory, independent of unsold lands, of which there are many acres.....	68,257 00
Bonds, mortgages, book accounts, &c. ....	13,277 33
Total .....	81,534 33

## LIABILITIES

Of all descriptions.....	23,431 11
Excess of assets over liabilities.....	58,103 22
There have been permanent improvements added during the past year, apart from labor done on avenues and the general work upon the grounds, amounting to.....	11,348 13
Paid on bond and mortgage.....	3,500 00
Total .....	14,848 13

## MANAGEMENT.

From the facts and figures found all through this report, it will be seen that our business is large. In the beginning it was limited, and required but few to meet its demands. The number of our helpers we have always kept as low as possible, to avoid expense. It is now evident, however, in view of the large increase of persons visiting here for business or for pleasure, that a division of labor in some departments of our work is a necessity no longer to be resisted. A committee has been appointed to revise our By-laws, who will report to this meeting, and may provide for this want.

## UNINTERRUPTED BLESSINGS.

Having called attention to these things, I now desire to mention, with sentiments of gratitude to Almighty God, that we have passed another year without fatal accident. The sea is a perpetual anxiety to us. Not that it is necessarily dangerous if proper care is taken; but so many, forgetful of all cautions, plunge thoughtlessly into its billows, and venturing beyond the bounds of propriety, expose themselves to constant perils. But, notwithstanding all this, and the many thousands that annually bathe, thus far, in the eight years of our history, we have had no case of drowning. For these uninterrupted mercies we do not cease to render thanks to God. But there is another source of anxiety to us, namely, the practice, prevailing to a considerable extent, of launching the small, frail, flat-bottomed boats, designed only for the shallow waters of the lake, out upon the open sea. This is often done, too, by small boys, and generally



by persons without skill in managing boats upon the waters of the ocean. From this practice, sooner or later, some *fatal accident is sure to occur*. While we make constant and earnest efforts to prevent this from our grounds, boys and men, regardless of what is for the best, have but to pass a few yards, and then from other grounds, over which we have no control, do with impunity what we forbid. I state these things so that when the deaths occur, *as they surely will*, this Association may be clear of their blood.

But, while we have had no case of drowning, I regret to be called upon to record that, during the month of August, our young friend, Charles Woolston, son of the late Rev. B. F. Woolston, of the New Jersey Conference, in diving from one of the poles to which the life-lines are attached, at the foot of Fletcher lake, struck against the bottom of the sea with such force that the spinal cord was injured, and when taken from the water his body below the chest was found to be entirely paralyzed. He still remains in this sad condition, with little prospect of recovery. May the grace of God sustain him and his deeply-afflicted mother.

In reaching the conclusion of this part of my report, referring simply and singly to the material phases of our enterprise, I am glad to be able to state that at no period of our history has more interest been felt, or surer evidences of prosperity been given. The number and character of the persons visiting us, the frequency of inquiry, and the activity in the sale of lots, notwithstanding the stringency of the times, are unmistakable assurances of a large amount of attention being drawn in this direction; and the class of improvements on every hand indicate permanent success.



OSBORN COTTAGE,  
Cor. Pilgrim Pathway and Lake Avenue.



## RELIGIOUS LABORS.

However important the various departments of work to which your attention has just been called, I now turn with pleasure to the contemplation of the summer closed, in its relation to spiritual efforts and successes. To this no Christian can be indifferent, especially in such a place, where the first foundation-stone was laid in prayer, and where upon every stroke in the rising superstructure the Divine blessing has been so earnestly and constantly sought.

I here, and now, freely and frankly confess that as a minister of the Lord Jesus, having given myself in early life to the promotion of His glory, in the spiritual welfare of my fellow-men, and with the vows of God still upon me, that I could have no heart in this or any other place simply as a worldly enterprise. It is the possibility and prospect of giving greater success to the blessed Gospel, and of securing the salvation of men by bringing them in penitence to the foot of the Cross, and helping them to the highest possibilities of the Christian life, that gives elasticity to my steps and fervor to my soul in all my labors here. Take away this grand inspirational motive, and bind us down to this place *simply* to promote worldly pleasure or profit, and your hearts and mine would, I am sure, sink like lead into the dark waters of gloom and sadness.

At this point the world has never fully understood us. Perhaps it never will. The thought has been largely, and still to some extent may be entertained, that underneath all this religious covering there has been a motive of worldly gain.

I repeat what has been so often said, our charter forbids this, and our books and whole transactions proclaim it false. Salvation was our original thought, and salvation is still our all-absorbing aim. Everything we do is to make the channels for the Gospel wider and deeper, so that its blessed waters may flow on without obstruction. May the tides sweep stronger and deeper every year, until

"The streams the whole Creation reach,  
So plenteous the store;  
Enough for all, enough for each—  
Enough for evermore."

Our religious work commenced this year on Sabbath, June 17th, at 3 P. M. Meetings, both afternoon and evening, were delightful. Prayer-meetings followed during the week.

Sabbath, July 1st, the auditorium was occupied for the first time this season with a large congregation.

### OCEAN GROVE SABBATH-SCHOOL.

The Ocean Grove summer Sabbath-school was organized on the afternoon of July 1st, with 387 in attendance. This number soon enlarged to such an extent that the infant department was assigned to the tabernacle, under the general direction of G. W. Evans; the adult Bible-class to Dr. Ward's tent, under Dr. Hanlon; and the main division in the auditorium, in charge of the Superintendent, J. H. Thornley, assisted by T. McPherson and J. L. Hays. Every department increased in numbers and interest until August 19th, when there were 1,670 present; after which the numbers began to lessen until September 9th, when the school closed with an attendance of 344. The whole number in attendance, during the season of eleven Sabbaths, was 11,794, being an average of nearly 1,200 every Sabbath day. The Berean International Lesson Leaves are used, so that the children spending the summer here keep abreast in their Bible-studies with those who remain at home. This part of our work, I do not hesitate to say, increases in interest and influence every year. Those having the lead of this part of the summer-work have great cause to thank God, and go forward. The pastor, officers, teachers and pupils of St. Paul's M. E. Church met with us during most of the season.

## AMERICAN INDEPENDENCE.

On Wednesday, July 4th, the one-hundred-and-first Anniversary of American Independence, was celebrated in an appropriate manner. The McKnight Rifle Company, under Captain Rainer, paraded, and exercises at the stand consisted of music, under the direction of W. Dey; Declaration of Independence, read by J. L. Hays, of Newark; and an oration by Jude McCalmont, of Franklin, Pa. The whole day passed delightfully, without fire-crackers, drunkenness or noise.

## BISHOP JANES MEMORIAL TABERNACLE.

On Saturday evening, July 14th, the large new tabernacle, erected in the place of the canvas tent of other years, being completed, was formally dedicated to the worship of Almighty God, and to the memory of Bishop Edmund S. Janes. This seemed fitting, not only because we have been giving to avenues, parks, &c., the names of leading ministers after their death, but especially because the last of the many hundreds if not thousands of churches dedicated by him, was at Ocean Grove, and he preached only twice after his service here—so that it might be said he almost finished his work on these grounds. Addresses were delivered at the service by Rev. Dr. Hanlon, Rev. Jos. Knowles, and Hon. Hiram Price, of Iowa. The dedicatory service was performed by the President. At the close of the exercises, which were of a very delightful character, a basket collection was taken, to aid in our expenses—the first one ever asked on these grounds for such a purpose—amounting to \$52. These collections were continued on the Sabbath throughout the season, and once a day through the camp-meeting, with the heartiest approval of the people, who have our thanks for their generous aid in this direction.

## WOMAN'S NATIONAL CHRISTIAN TEMPERANCE UNION.

This meeting commenced on the 18th of July, and continued its sessions until the 28th of the same month, under the direction of Mrs. Annie Wittenmyer, President, assisted by a number of ladies prominent in this great work, from various parts of the Union. It was a meeting of great religious interest, in which there was a vast amount of consecrated talent, and the unfoldings of a devotion to the work of lifting fallen humanity from the vice of intemperance, and bringing them into the fold of Christ, worthy of the highest commendation. The sermons of Mrs. Lathrop, of Michigan, the address of Francis Murphy, and the songs, prayers, addresses and exhortations of scores of devoted women, will never



be forgotten. The whole meeting was on the basis that there was no help for the drunkard, or success to the temperance cause, but in Christ. A large number, amounting to many hundreds, signed the pledge during the meeting, and some were converted to God.

#### EIGHTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FIRST PRAYER-MEETING AT OCEAN GROVE.

On Sabbath, July 29th, the eighth anniversary of our first religious service at this place, (July 31st, 1869), commenced. Bishop Simpson preached a sermon of great interest to a vast congregation, from Eph. 3, 10. At night Rev. T. T. Everitt, pastor of Trinity M. E. Church, Philadelphia, gave an elaborate and finished discourse from the words, "What think ye of Christ?" One soul was converted during its delivery, and another brought under pungent conviction.

Tuesday afternoon, July 31st, was the anniversary proper. The exercises were in the interest of, and mainly conducted by the young people. Addresses were delivered by Mr. G. W. K. McPherson, of Trenton, N. J., and Rev. S. T. Horner, of Pennington, N. J. Recitations by Miss Maud Grubbs. Singing by choir and the Lake-Side Choral Band. Cornet by C. Vaughn. At the close, the beautiful vase, in the rear of the stand, facing the sea at the head of Ocean Pathway, was unveiled to the public, filled with beautiful flowers, and dedicated to the "Pioneer Women of Ocean Grove"—paid for by a private subscription, collected by our young friend, Frank Cookman, son of our late beloved Alfred Cookman.

In the evening, the anniversary prayer-meeting was held. Numerous volunteer testimonies were given, full of the highest appreciation of Ocean Grove; and so determined were the people to be heard on this subject that it was quite impossible to close the service until a period much beyond the usual time. The whole meeting was full of religious interest.

#### YOUNG PEOPLE'S ASSEMBLY.

The young people's assembly commenced on Thursday morning, August 2d, Rev. George A. Hall, Secretary of the Young Men's Christian Association of the State of New York, being the chief conductor. This meeting continued until Wednesday evening, August 8th—a period of six days. The services were largely of an instructive character, and yet the heart was often gloriously reached, and the affections moved. Great prominence was given to the Scriptures, and God was revealed through this medium to many, as never before. Quite a number were brought to

a knowledge of their sins forgiven, and others were led to a fuller conviction of all they were to Christ. Friday evening, the exercises were conducted by Brother Thomas Harrison, a young evangelist from Boston. It was a service of such power as is rarely witnessed in the church. A number were converted, and others impressed so that they will not likely forget it through all eternity. The great regret we had concerning the whole of the six days of this meeting was, that it failed to secure the attention of the young people as generally as we desired.

### WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society is one of the institutions of Ocean Grove. It was organized about five years ago by Mrs. Dr. Butler, now of Mexico. Sabbath, August 12th, was its anniversary. Dr. Kynett preached a sermon of great power, in the morning, from the words of the Angel to Mary: "And of His kingdom there shall be no end," Luke i, 33; after which a basket-collection was taken, amounting to \$162.00. In the afternoon the ladies continued the meeting in Bishop Janes Memorial Tabernacle. The result of the whole was, in cash and by annual and life-memberships, \$380.00—the largest sum ever gathered by them in a single year.

### EIGHTH ANNUAL CAMP-MEETING.

This is the crowning meeting of the year. To this the general church, the surrounding neighborhoods, and the summer population of the place, look with ever-increasing interest. It is the culmination of all that is expected upon these grounds. Up to this time the tide of population steadily rises. When this closes, it gradually, day after day, falls to its ordinary flow—the people disappear, the tents are taken down, and the place that was all activity and life becomes as quiet as an autumn afternoon.

At the gathering of ministers on Tuesday afternoon, August 14th, there was much interest felt and expressed for the success of the meeting, and pledges were given to stand by it to the end. The preparatory sacrament, on Tuesday evening, was largely attended, solemn and impressive.

The camp-meeting commenced on Wednesday morning, August 15th. Tuesday, August 21st, memorial services were held for Bishop Janes and our brother, Rev. John H. Stockton. Bishop Peck, who was with us through most of the meeting, rendering very efficient aid in the various services, and preaching on the Sabbath, delivered the memorial discourse. Bishop Foster and most of the Faculty of Drew Theological Seminary, were present on the occasion. The whole service was solemn and profit-

able. Friday was the quarterly meeting, when the Presiding Elder, Rev. Dr. Graw, preached. The sermons throughout were evangelical, earnest and spiritual, and the Divine blessing seemed to accompany them all. The ministers labored on the platform and in the altar with faithfulness and zeal. The meeting closed on Saturday morning, August 25th, with the administration of the Holy Sacrament, and was an occasion of great religious triumph. Many said they had never experienced such a season of blessedness and power. No wonder. The tide of holy influence that set in at the first service, on Wednesday morning, the 15th, in Bishop Janes Memorial Tabernacle, continued to rise until it broke in a tidal-wave of glory on Saturday, the 25th. So that when the bell tolled, and the camp-meeting was pronounced closed, the influence was so sweet and tender that scores and hundreds were in tears.

Sabbath, August 26th, the day following the camp-meeting, will long be remembered as a season of remarkable religious interest. Rev. G. K. Morris, of the New Jersey Conference, preached with great unction from the words, "Casting all your care upon Him, for He careth for you." The vast congregation was moved, melted and blest to a degree not often realized upon earth.

### GOOD TEMPLARS' DAY.

Wednesday, August 29th, was Good Templars' day. The meeting was interesting, and the services of Mr. Noble, of England, in the evening, remarkable.

### RECAPITULATION.

Thus ended the special meetings of the year. But it must be borne in mind, always, that the intervals between these special meetings are occupied with services of some kind, both day and night, from the commencement to the close of the season.

During this time there were 70 sermons, 79 temperance addresses, 45 other addresses, 42 prayer and experience meetings, 45 meetings for holiness, 32 young-people's meetings, 14 children's meetings, 11 Sunday-school services, 10 Bible readings, 7 surf-meetings, at one of which there were 13,000 present, by actual count; 5 early-morning meetings, 4 reformed men's meetings, 4 love-feasts, 3 sacraments, 1 dedicatory service, 1 sunrise meeting, 1 national celebration, and 1 poem-reading service, in the tabernacle—385 in all, besides songs that thrilled the heart, prayers that lifted the soul Godward, and burning words of exhortation that fell from hearts and lips baptized with the Holy Ghost and fire. Such were some of the agencies employed during this sea-side summer campaign of

1877. Who can tell the results? God alone knows, and it will take eternity to reveal them.

We were able to count between two and three hundred newly saved or wholly sanctified. We consider this, however, only a fractional part of the good accomplished. The silent and (to us) unknown influences of this summer's work are all over this land; the hearts that have been moved to holier purposes, the harmonious blending of soul with soul, the fusing of creed with creed, and the uplifting of the multitudes to a direct contact with deity, will develop in blessedness to home circles and churches, near and remote, down to the end of time.

From the beginning of the season to the close the order was excellent, our regulations generally observed, and the Sabbath sanctity, especially, kept inviolate.

I may add here, however, that the question was frequently asked during the summer, and asked with a good deal of solicitude on the part of real friends, "Can you, in view of the increasing thousands that annually press upon you, and the changed character of your population, from those simply who are Christians, to the large, and possibly preponderating numbers who are merely pleasure-seekers, maintain your original principles, and keep the religious spirit dominant?" The question, as thus stated, involves a great deal, and I have considered it carefully. My reply is "Yes!" If we, as an Association, remain true, then, with God on our side, in the future as in the past, I answer, triumphantly, and a thousand times, "Yes!" for "if God be for us, who can be against us."

As a final remark I may say that the approach of the camp-meeting was to me, this year, a source of more than ordinary solicitude—a burthen, sometimes almost too heavy to be borne. But, as the days came on, God sent helpers of the right kind, at just such times as they were most needed, and I learned again, as often before, that it is

"Not first the glad and then the sorrowful,  
But first the sorrowful and then the glad—  
Tears for a day, for earth of tears is full,  
Then we forget that ever we were sad."

Having said these things, I again, as aforetime, commit you and this ever-enlarging and increasingly-responsible work to God, who has said, for our encouragement, "Lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the world."

E. H. STOKES, *President.*

*Ocean Grove, October, 1877.*



# BY-LAWS

## OF THE

### OCEAN GROVE C. M. ASSOCIATION OF THE M. E. CHURCH.

AMENDED AND APPROVED, OCTOBER, 1877.

#### ARTICLE I—NAME.

This corporation shall be called The Ocean Grove Camp-Meeting Association of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

#### ARTICLE II—OBJECTS.

The objects of this Association shall be to provide for the holding of Camp-Meetings for the promotion of Christian holiness, rigidly excluding all forms of speculation; and to afford to those who would spend a few days or weeks at the sea-shore, an opportunity of doing so, at moderate cost, and free from the temptations to dissipation usually attendant on fashionable watering places.

#### ARTICLE III—MEMBERS.

This Association shall be composed of those named in the Act of incorporation and their successors and associates when duly elected. They shall be members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, in good and regular standing. Any one dying, or ceasing to be a member of the M. E. Church or lot-holder in the Association for thirty days, or not being such at any Annual Meeting, or being guilty of conduct incompatible with the objects and purposes of the Association, his membership shall thereby become void, and one shall be elected in his stead by a two-thirds vote of the Association present at any regular meeting.

#### ARTICLE IV.—OFFICERS.

SECTION I. The Association, at its Annual Meeting, shall elect by ballot, a President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and five members, who together shall constitute an Executive Committee, having full power to act during the interim of the regular meetings, and shall hold their offices for one year, and until successors are duly elected. All the vacancies in the Executive Committee occurring by death, resignation or otherwise, shall be filled by the remaining members. Four members shall constitute a quorum.

SECTION II. The President shall preside at all meetings of the Association and Executive Committee, sign all orders on the Treasurer, and present at the Annual Meeting a full report of the operations of the year. In the absence of the President, the Vice President shall perform his duties.

SECTION III. The Secretary shall keep a record of the proceedings of the Association and Executive Committee, in books provided for the

purpose, give due notice of the meetings, countersign the orders on the Treasurer given by the President, and perform such other duties as may from time to time be required.

SECTION IV. The Treasurer shall have charge of all the funds of the Association, and shall disburse the same only on the order of the President, countersigned by the Secretary, after a vote in favor thereof, by said Association, or Executive Committee. He shall make a detailed written report at the Annual Meeting, or oftener if required by the Executive Committee. He shall give bond, with security, when required.

SECTION V. The Executive Committee shall have the oversight of the affairs of the Association in the interim of its regular meetings, executing the orders of the Association; but shall not purchase, sell or mortgage lands, nor contract indebtedness not authorized exceeding the sum of one thousand dollars, without the concurrence of two-thirds of the Association present at a regular or called meeting. They shall meet, if practicable, monthly; and due notice shall be given by the Secretary to each member. All bills and orders for the disbursement of money, not presented to the Association and acted on at its meetings, shall be submitted to the Committee for its action. Full minutes of the proceedings of the Committee shall be kept, and laid before the Association at its meetings.

SECTION VI. The Executive Committee may appoint from their number, or from the Association, a Devotional and such Standing or Special Committees, from time to time, as may be found necessary.

SECTION VII. A Superintendent shall be elected at the Annual or other meeting of the Association, or appointed by the Executive Committee, who shall have charge of the business interests of the Association, the care of its property, and the execution of the plans and orders of the Association or of the Executive Committee, employing all agents, sub-officers or laborers which may be found needful by the Executive Committee. He shall grant all permits for the erection of buildings, under such rules and regulations as may be adopted by the Association or Executive Committee. He shall see that all leases of property belonging to the Association are made in writing, and the rent properly secured and promptly collected. He shall divide the hotels and boarding-houses into three classes, until otherwise directed by the Association or Executive Committee—the rates for the privilege of keeping the same to be fixed by said Association or Executive Committee—and shall see that permits for the same are in writing, and signed by the owners of the property on which they are situated; and shall attend to the prompt collection of the rates, keeping a record thereof. He shall, also, promptly collect all other moneys due the Association. He shall keep an account of all moneys received and disbursed by him, making full detailed reports in writing monthly, and laying all bills contracted before the Executive Committee or President, with any recommendations which he may have to offer; and his books shall at all times be open for inspection by the Executive Committee.

#### ARTICLE V—LOT-HOLDERS.

Lots may be leased for ninety-nine years, or less time, subject to renewal if none of the conditions have been violated, to parties who may be vouched

for as of good moral character and in sympathy with the objects of this Association, approved by the President in writing, subject to such rules and regulations as may be adopted by the Association or Executive Committee, from time to time. All transfers of lots shall be subject to the approval of the President, written or endorsed on the lease, and shall be duly recorded on the Lot-Books of the Association. Lots shall only be used or occupied as private residences from the first day of April until the thirtieth day of October of each year, except in special cases for the general convenience, to be allowed in each case by the action of the Association or Executive Committee, under such rules and conditions as may generally or specially be prescribed. No building shall be erected upon said lots unless a permit for the same shall have been obtained from the Superintendent, the plans, including front and side elevations, of which shall first be submitted to said Superintendent, and the erection thereof shall at all times be under his supervision.

#### ARTICLE VI—MEETINGS.

SECTION I. The annual meeting of the Association shall be held on the second Tuesday of October in each year—and a semi-annual meeting on the second Tuesday in May. Eleven members shall constitute a quorum.

SECTION II. Special meetings of the Association may be held at the call of the President, or when requested by at least three members, upon the same notice to members which is required for the Annual Meeting.

SECTION III. The Camp-Meetings held under the auspices of the Association, shall be under the supervision of the Executive Committee: *provided*, that under no circumstances shall the grounds be open to the public on the Sabbath, nor shall any privileges be granted for any thing not deemed necessary by said Committee.

SECTION IV. Any officer absenting himself from two regular meetings of the Association or Executive Committee, his place may be declared vacant unless a valid excuse be rendered, and the vacancy filled by the Executive Committee until the next annual election.

SECTION V. Any member absenting himself from two regular meetings of the Association without valid excuse given, a vacancy may be declared, and his place filled.

#### ARTICLE VII—ORDER OF BUSINESS.

At all the stated meetings, the order of business shall be—

1. Singing and Prayer.
2. Calling of the Roll.
3. Reading and Approving the Minutes of Previous Meetings.
4. Reports of Committees.
5. Reports from Officers.
6. Miscellaneous Business.
7. Prayer and Adjournment.

#### ARTICLE VIII—AMENDMENTS.

These By-Laws may be altered or amended by a vote of three-fourths of the Association present at any annual or semi-annual meeting.







### SURF MEETING AT OCEAN GROVE, N. J.

Beside the Sea the wondering people stood,  
Or sat, or bowed, devotion's earnest throng;  
The spirit, lost in worship's attitude,  
Mingled its praises with the billows' song.

O widening sea! O ever heaving flood!

Here on thy margin, where the surges roar,  
Thy people rise to Thee, O blessed God,

They weep, they worship, triumph and adore.—E. H. S.

SERVICE BY THE SEA.

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NINTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

PRESIDENT

OF

Ocean Grove Camp-Meeting Association

OF THE

METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.



The sea sings in the golden light,  
Of fragrant morn or dewy eve;  
The sea sings through the fitful night,  
While winds their stormy vestments weave;  
So let us sing the songs of love,  
Though darkness reigns, or tempests sweep,  
There's goodness in the heart above,  
And mercy blesses though we weep.

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*To the Members of the Association :*

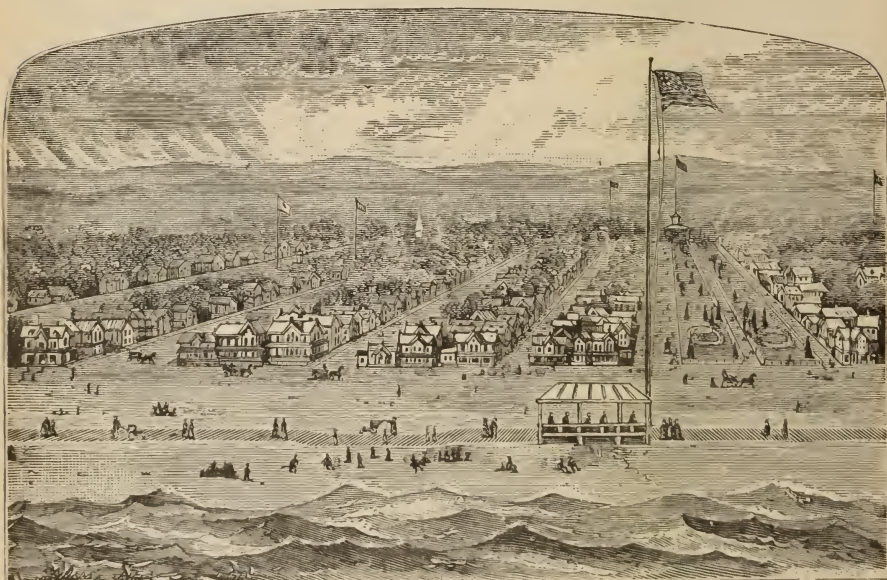
DEAR BRETHREN:—In the beginning of our organization, it was arranged that the Annual Meetings of this Association should be held each year some time during the progress of our regular Camp-Meeting exercises. The causes which may have led to this were doubtless two: first, it would naturally be supposed that at each Camp-Meeting the members of the Association would all be here, and by holding the Annual Meeting then, the presence of each would be secured without additional cost of time or money; and, secondly, the business was regarded as so limited that a few hours between the preaching services on some particular day, would be all-sufficient for its transaction.

Now, all is changed, and, for reasons the most imperative. Because, first, at the time the Camp-Meeting is held, the season is so far from being closed, that it would be impossible to reach intelligent conclusions as to the financial results of the year; and, secondly, the business has so accumulated and enlarged, that instead of a few hours, it now requires days for its accomplishment, to say nothing of the fact that the services of the Camp-Meeting have so increased in importance, that the undivided attention and labors of those having charge of its interests are required to give them efficiency and success. A very brief experience, therefore, taught us that our Camp-Meetings and our Annual Meetings, must be held at different times, and so far apart as to allow full opportunity to attend to each intelligently and in the fear of God.

The Second Tuesday in October, was finally fixed upon, and we are more fully impressed each year, that this is sufficiently early, for the full

adjustment of all our affairs, and yet, for various reasons, we could not well postpone it to a later date.

In accordance, therefore, with this regulation, we are again met, and, as always, are now anew, called upon with devout thanksgiving, to record the fact, that during the year just closed, the lives and health of the members of our association have been spared, and, in the good providence of God, are here for the ninth time, in our accustomed places, to do our accustomed work. The review of the past year, will bring to our minds toils and cares, but with these, also, the refreshing influences of many refreshing moments. As life is the alternation of storm and sunshine, so our work at Ocean Grove has its cares and rest. For the cares let us gird ourselves anew, and the rest accept or wait for as God ordains. I now call attention to



OCEAN GROVE—FROM THE SEA.

### THE ASSOCIATION'S WORK,

for the year just closed. I repeat, for the purpose of refreshing your memories, what has often been said before, that in the enumeration of our work for a whole year, there are probably, in the aggregate, hundreds of days spent in the performance of duties that have no name, yet in the management of an enterprise so vast as ours, as important, and even more expensive than work well defined and clear.

Taking up the mention of the work as nearly in the order of its occurrence as may be, I name the construction, early in the Spring, of twenty new portable kitchens, making one hundred and six, now owned by the Association, all of which were rented during the summer, some of them more than once, and others could have been used had they been at our command.

The turnpike along the front of our property, had from the beginning been in a very unsatisfactory condition, and made an unfavorable impression upon the public mind before the grounds were entered. To remove this unsightliness, and enhance the value of property in that locality, our men, under the lead of Capt. Rainear, commenced the work of grading, making side-walks, culverts, and sodding around the curves and the triangle in front of Broadway, the whole making such a change in the general appearance of the neighborhood, that several lots were immediately sold. The entire cost of this improvement was \$455. A good, substantial fence, consisting of turned cedar and oak posts, with two inch gas pipe for rails, has been placed around the curves from the turnpike around into Broadway, a distance of 512 feet, at a cost of about \$200, and connecting with the new and substantial Georgia pine fence and gate-way across Broadway at Lawrence Avenue, thus throwing Broadway open to public travel, and bringing that part of our grounds into more general notice. The gate-way and fence stretching one hundred feet, the entire width of Broadway, was built at a cost of \$65. Up to the time referred to, comparatively little had been done to this part of our grounds, and especially along Broadway, the side-walks even had not been made. To relieve this condition of things, a substantial plank foot-way, six feet wide, was laid on the north side of Broadway from the gate, to connect with the foot-way along the Ocean front at Lillagore's bathing grounds, and also along the South side of Broadway, from Pilgrim's pathway, to Central, with crossings at both these Avenues, making a total of 3,386 feet. In addition, each Avenue, intersecting with Broadway, north, has curbing at the corners, and plank foot-ways four feet wide across the same, making a total of 660 feet, and a grand total of 4,040 feet, so that now, persons entering our grounds at the head of Broadway, can pass down to the Sea, and up the shore to Ross's bathing grounds, a distance of nearly a mile and a half, on pleasant walks of plank. The Broadway walk, with crossings, curbings, &c., cost \$507.70.

The amount of curbing done on the various Avenues, during the year, is as follows,—On Abbott, Broadway, Pilgrim-pathway, Asbury, Sea-View, and Beach Avenues, an aggregate of 2,556 feet. This curbing has been done with hemlock plank, the material with which we commenced,





REV. A. E. BALLARD'S COTTAGE. CORNER OF MAIN AND NEW JERSEY AVENUES.

but, experience has shown that it lasts but a few years, and we are happy to see that lot owners are, in a few instances, using stone as a substitute, which I am quite sure will be found cheaper, and more satisfactory in the end.

In the progress of our work through the year, we have opened Cookman Avenue, from New York to Lawrence, Clark, from Central to Lawrence, and two new Avenues, without names, (which with your approval, I would call Franklin and Stockton, in memory of our late fellow-members) from New York to Lawrence, also New York, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware, Whitefield, Benson, and Lawrence Avenues, running at right angles with Avenues just named, and which were opened only to Broadway, have been opened to the last of the new Avenues, so that these cross Avenues, now run down nearly to Fletcher Lake. In opening and grading these avenues, a vast amount of turf had to be removed, and must be disposed of in some way. A number of our Avenues from Central towards the Sea, north of Main, needed improvement. To these, the turf from the new Avenues was carted, and laid as a foundation, on which gravel has been spread, thus placing Bath, Surf, Atlantic, Sea View, and Pitman Avenues, and McClintock St., from Beach to Ocean, in a vastly improved condition. In addition to this, Pilgrim pathway, from Bath to Wesley Lake, and Beach Avenue from Webb to Broadway, have been clayed and graveled, and on the

latter side-walks have been made. Side-walks have also been made around Thompson Park entire, also on Asbury Avenue, from Pilgrim Pathway to New York Avenue, particularly on the south side. The total distance of Avenues thus improved, reaches a mile, and new Avenues opened considerably over a mile. To relieve Main Avenue of the heavy flow of water in time of rain, a culvert 96 feet long by 8 wide has been constructed at the foot of the Avenue, emptying into the Sea, and for the same purpose one on Broadway, opposite Beach, 80 feet long and 6 feet wide, carries the surplus water into Fletcher Lake.

During the high winds and storms of winter, thousands of loads of sand accumulate at the foot of the avenues, next to the sea. This has to be removed every year by the Association—last spring at a cost of about \$400. I mention this to show in how many and unthought of ways the time of our men and the means of the Association are taxed; and in addition, there were last year from three to four hundred loads of street accumulations that had to be removed in the same way. But notwithstanding these things, there are relieving and compensating considerations. During some of the low tides of corresponding periods, our foreman discovered, near Lillagore's bathing grounds, that the undertow had left quantities of clay uncovered, and in a short time secured 368 loads, worth 40 cents per load, all of which has been well used in improving streets and side walks.

The sale of the ground in the rear of the old Pitman House, which was occupied by our lumber yard and store-house, to Charles E. Howland, required their removal, to make way for the extension of his new building, now known as the "Arlington." By your direction, a new building was erected, by our own men, under the superintendence of Major J. C. Patteson, 20 by 60, and laid out in rooms or stalls, for the reception of goods belonging to different parties tenting on the ground, at the northwest corner of Bath and Central avenues, at a cost, as it now stands, of about \$1100, and serves a most excellent purpose. The north end of this building is used as a gentleman's commode, which so far as appearances and other matters are concerned, is as free from objection as places of the kind can be. The old commode, in the centre of the Park, has been removed, the sidewalks graded, a post and chain fence carried around the whole, a neat summer-house placed in the corner next to Lake avenue and Pilgrim pathway, and a very neat close fence, 8 feet high by 300 long, with ornamental cresting on the top, nicely painted, at a cost of about \$90, enclosing the lumber yard, runs from the store-house north to south side of Atlantic avenue, then west to a line with ladies' commode, so that next year, with additional trees, evergreens and others, grass sowing, sodding and other improvements in the Park, the whole will not only be without offence, but attractive and beautiful.

The pavillion at the foot of Ocean pathway, small and poorly constructed at the first, was demolished by the storms of last winter. In its place a large, substantial and every way more tasteful structure has been erected, which cost by contract, without painting, \$500. The painting, grading, claying and adjusting the walks around it was done by our own men. The small pavillion, foot of Olin Street, being abandoned by its owner, fell into our hands, and has been repaired, and presents a neat appearance, so that we now have eight of these structures, more or less ornamental, in various parts of the grounds.

In conducting meetings at the auditorium, from year to year, it was found that some alterations were needed there. A new tower was therefore erected over the preacher's stand, the bell removed from the centre tower and placed in the new one, thus enabling the janitor to get to it for ringing without crowding through the congregation. Ventilators were also opened under each tower, affording a better circulation of air; the rear stairways enclosed, thus protecting them from the storm, and giving better control over the ingress and egress question.

Additional experience has shown that still further alterations or additions, or both, may yet be necessary about the platform, in the way perhaps, of removing the side wings so as to leave the view unobstructed, cutting the corners off of the platform, and extending the roof on a line of the rear, so offering additional seating under shelter. I do not suggest this as a positive plan, but as an indication of a line of something needed.

For better protection, picket fences have been erected during the year, around the windows of the Tabernacle, 194 feet, around Pioneer Women's Vase, 33 feet, and around Memorial Cedar, 24 feet, post and chain fence around Thompson Park, 1,165 feet, around Statuary, foot of Main Avenue, 106 feet, and around Vase dedicated to Summer visitors at Ocean Grove, 43 feet, making a total of this kind of fence of 1568 feet.

Another important work of the year, has been the removal of sand hills, the last of their kind, from Main and Central Avenues, back to Embury, and reaching nearly up to Pilgrim Pathway. This great mound of sand, the accumulation of ages, was carted away to fill inequalities and irregularities in the avenues, and also the raising of private lots to meet the grade, and elevate the buildings to be erected thereon. This work cost about \$650, but as there will be a return of about \$400 for filling up private lots, the real cost to the Association will be about \$250.

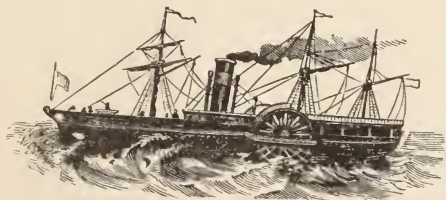
Quite a large quantity of sand was also removed from the south side of Main Avenue, between Pilgrim Pathway and Central Avenue, and the same clayed and graveled to make a proper stand for hacks and stages. In the adjustments of some business arrearages for the year, with certain



parties, the little store on Main Avenue, formerly occupied by Henry James, and the meat market on Olin Street, next to the store, have become the property of the Association.

On Friday, Aug. 16, Wesley Lake, had risen to such a height, that the dam at the foot was broken, and the water mainly flowed out to sea. This break had to be immediately repaired. Our men, together with those from Asbury Park, aided by a large number of volunteers, under the general direction of Capt. Rainear, worked with great energy and skill, so that by 11.30, on Saturday night, the whole damage was repaired, with a cost to Ocean Grove side, including lumber and labor, of \$83. Two weeks from that day, another break took place, which the wash of the Sea soon repaired, and so remains. After the season has fully ended, and the waters of the lake are no longer needed, it is proposed to re-construct and improve the whole arrangement, so that a similar occurrence will be improbable.

By direction of the Association, the grounds known as Central Park, have been laid out in lots; Webb and Abbott Avenues have been cut through, graded, and the side walks made. The old and unsightly commode has been removed at small expense, to the head of the grounds, placed beside the Association stables, and is now used as a wagon house, to good advantage. Three good commodes, 4 x 7, have been erected, two in the place of the large one removed from Central Park, and one on Sea View Avenue. These, together with the general care of the grounds, including thousands of incidentals connected with the erection, taking down, and storing away the tents, goods and lumber, connected with them; removing garbage, lighting, policing, watering streets, delivering ice, and the general oversight of the Sanitary departments, are the works which have mainly occupied our men through the year. The most important work for next year, is the further improvement of streets, side walks, Wesley Lake, &c.





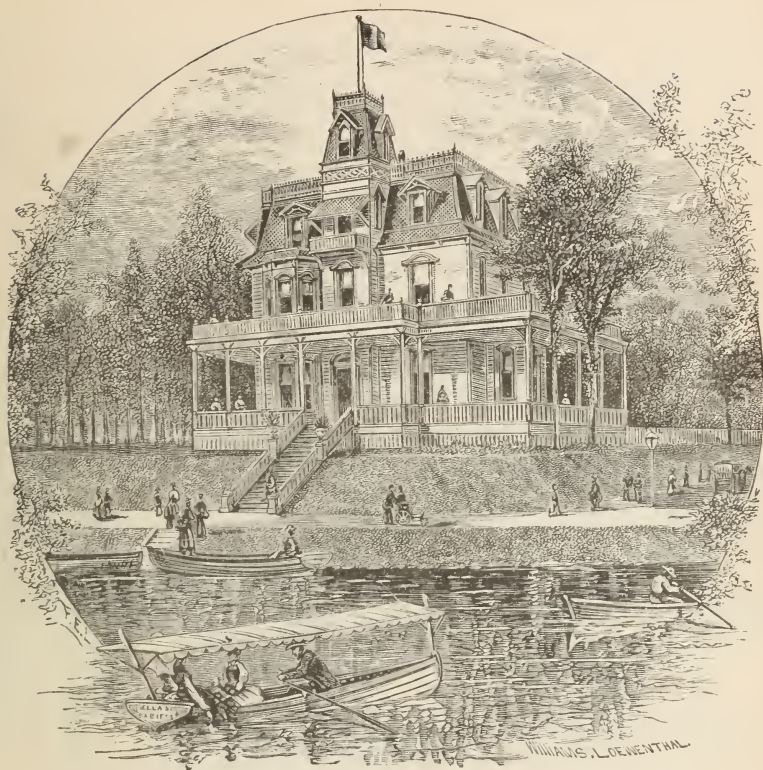


THE ARLINGTON.

## PRIVATE IMPROVEMENTS.

It is matter of great satisfaction, that while the Association has been engaged in making their improvements for the public good, individuals show a corresponding degree of enterprise in the erection of edifices for the transaction of their own private business. Prominent among these, is the occupancy of the entire block between Pilgrim pathway and Central, Pitman and McClintock avenues by Charles E. Howland, in the extension of his house known as the "Arlington." This adds greatly to the appearance of this public locality. Also, large buildings have been erected on Main avenue, by Morrow Day & Co., opposite the post-office, and the Aldine House on the same avenue; also, by Rev. Mr. Long, on the sea front, and by Mr. White and Mrs. Agnew, near the bathing grounds, and in the Grove the Morgan House.

At the Annual Meeting last year we had 474 cottages and 27 boarding houses; this year we have 567 cottages and 33 boarding houses, total 594, an increase of 87 cottages and 6 boarding houses.



RESIDENCE OF PROFESSOR SANDERS, LAKE AVENUE.

Besides these buildings, newly erected, a number of others have undergone extensive repairs and improvements, so that every year greater permanence and beauty are added to our town. In addition to the above, a number of persons have commenced building for the coming season, and others contemplate doing so at an early date. In this connection the following summary of private business places may be of interest in coming years: There are 3 bakeries, 5 ice cream saloons, 2 barber shops, 1 news stand, 1 bookstore, 3 restaurants, 2 grocery, provision and variety stores, 1 drug store, 2 fruit stands, 1 fish market, 2 meat markets, 1 photograph gallery, 1 dry goods and fancy store, 1 ladies' trimming store and 14 private stables.

#### TREES.

Between one and two hundred maple trees have been set out during the year. Some of these are in the Grove, around the auditorium; some on Ocean pathway, between Central and Pilgrim pathway; others are in



Thompson, Centennial and Memorial Parks; also, a number of Norway spruce, arbor vitæ, and other evergreens have been placed in the various parks, and most of them have lived and are doing well. A similar work done every year by the Association, and by private parties on their own properties, would not only promote the beautiful, but be a lasting blessing to all concerned



J. H. THORNLEY'S COTTAGES, OCEAN PATHWAY NEAR THE SEA.

### PARKS.

Our parks need more attention. Memorial Park at the post-office, and Centennial Park opposite the "Arlington," are the best improved, and are objects of beauty. Thompson Park has received some attention during the year past, but needs more. The vacant spaces between Pilgrim pathway and Central avenues, on Ocean pathway, and the four parcels of ground on Ocean pathway, between Central and the sea, greatly need improving, and as next year will mark the completion of our first decade, I would suggest that it be made the occasion for beautifying them. May it not be suggested also, that although their improvement will be a public blessing and benefit, yet as it will accrue so largely to the value of property on that splendid avenue, that the citizens residing there be invited in some proper way to aid us in the work?



LAKE PATHWAY.

## TENT LIFE.

Tent life at this place instead of losing, increases in interest every year. Last year there were 605 of these canvas dwellings, the largest number ever erected by us in a single year; but this season we had 676, an increase of 71 over last year. 330 of these belong to the Association, an increase of 9 over last year. We have purchased more than 9 new tents this year, but some of our stock becoming old and soiled by constant use was sold, and the purchases exceed the sales by 9. The balance of 291 were private property, being an increase of 7 over last year. The portable kitchens in use as already stated were 106, an increase of 20.

The question of location for tents is one of some magnitude and importance. It requires a good deal of space for the occupancy of so many, and as the lots are sold and built upon, tent sites become fewer. As a solution of this difficulty, I would suggest that grounds bordering on Fletcher Lake, and now unoccupied, be cleared up, avenues and sidewalks opened and all to be properly lighted; then, as the place is among the coolest upon the grounds, it would soon become a popular place for tents, especially as Pilgrim pathway would lead almost or directly thereto, and be within five minutes' pleasant walk of the congregation or the sea.



## NEW WATER WAGONS.

The old watering carts hitherto in use by us, for sprinkling streets through the summer months, were so constructed that we had to go through the laborious process of taking water from the Lake to fill them, and then carting it so far that the whole arrangement became inefficient and unsatisfactory. To meet a pressing demand two new and larger wagons were built, at a cost of \$60 each, and these are filled with water drawn from three tubes driven in the earth, and pumped by a Gould's Rotary Pump, into a tank, by the steam engine of Day & Bros., in the rear of their Ice Cream Saloon. This pump is capable of 120 strokes per minute, and at that speed the supply of water is inexhaustible. These new wagons hold 253 gallons each, and do the work of six of the old ones with much less strain upon the horses. The whole experiment with these, during the few weeks they were at work, near the close of the season, was highly satisfactory. The cost of this new arrangement, which will last for years, is about \$320.00.

## FIRE DEPARTMENT.

The question of more efficient fire apparatus for this place is one that has elicited considerable attention. Nearly a year ago a joint committee, from Asbury Park and Ocean Grove, was appointed to consider the propriety of purchasing a steam-engine jointly for both places. Several meetings were held, and numerous inquiries and examinations made, but no practical results have yet been reached. Happily thus far, we have had no occasion for the use of such an instrument. It is the part of wisdom, however, to be ready for all emergencies. The subject will continue to receive such attention as the importance demands.

## RAILROAD.

The business connected with the railroad during the past year has been conducted upon such principles of consideration and accommodation as that I think the interests of all have been conserved. The number of excursions visiting the grounds is large, and yet it must be said to the credit of all, that their character is of the very best. The unruly element usually attendant upon such expeditions, is either wholly absent or so overawed by the better class as to be almost or entirely unseen. Much less embarrassment was experienced from excursion parties during the meetings of the past summer than heretofore. The little accommodations made in Thompson Park for lunching purposes served greatly to relieve our officers from their constant watch to prevent our seats in the auditorium from becoming lunching tables. Still better arrangements can and ought to be

made in Thompson Park, or somewhere else, for the convenience of transient visitors who bring their families with them and spend but a single day.

The amount of railroad travel to and from the Ocean Grove and Asbury Park depot exceeds that of last year by more than one-third.

The number of persons estimated as entering our grounds by conveyances other than the railroad is 35,000.

### HEALTH.

The sanitary condition of Ocean Grove was never more carefully guarded than during the season past, and, I am happy to say, never with better results. In addition to the methods employed in previous years, an intelligent and gentlemanly officer was detailed to look after and examine the cesspools and vaults of every building and around every tent, so that nothing offensive or injurious be allowed to remain on the surface of the ground, and when vaults or cesspools were found full or in other improper condition, report them immediately that they might be cleansed and improved. All this, however, would have been of little avail but for the purchase and employment of an odorless excavator, by which the work of emptying has been carried on with expedition, at much less cost than by the old and inefficient methods, and at all times of the day in the most public places without offense.

Without this instrument, purchased at a cost of \$500, with the increased number of our population, I think we should have been greatly and gravely embarrassed. The appointment of an officer of inspection was a wise arrangement, and his duties should be entered upon another year at the latest by the first of July.

The Board of Health, as appointed by you at the Semi-Annual Meeting last spring, has worked well, and gave timely, excellent and important counsel in cases that needed to be handled with wisdom, promptness and decision. Another year it can be made still more effective.

In this connection I wish to refer to a fact, often, but perhaps without intention, used to our injury. Strangers visiting us, making a flying tour of inspection for two or three hours only, seeing the numbers of cottages, tents and other places filled with people, go off, communicate with their friends, and frequently write for the newspapers, predicting that in the near future our water must be contaminated, and pestilence, in some of its horrid forms, desolate our little city by the sea. All this is in the range of human possibility, for sickness is everywhere, and perhaps no where more rife or fatal than in the localities from which these persons come. But I do not hesitate to say that their conclusions with regard to us are

generally founded either upon prejudice or very imperfect knowledge. First, our water cannot easily be contaminated, for our vaults for receiving excrements are either iron or cemented brick, and of course, in either case water-tight. Then, instead of its being obtained from a bed of porous sand, which they imagine absorbs the rains and whatever may be thrown upon the surface, we are compelled to drive through a strata of gravel five or six feet deep, then through a strata of clay of as many more, and still through another strata of gravel to an average depth of 25 or 30 feet, where the purest and best water imaginable, in quantities inexhaustible, is constantly obtained; and among the four or five hundred pumps driven upon these grounds, I do not know of but two or three that have not remained pure, and these have failed because of glaring improprieties and neglect. Or if the vaults or cesspools should in any case be imperfect, the percolation of impurities through all these feet of solid gravel, and especially through this underlying pan of clay, is so nearly impossible as to render the point made by superficial observers one least likely to occur.

But, though we know all this, we daily take the utmost care and caution to prevent results which would be more disastrous to us a thousand-fold, than to those who predict so unfavorably in our case. Besides, it must be borne in mind, that this heavy strain upon the Sanitary condition of these grounds, continues only about two months of the year; at the expiration of which time everything is cleared up, and during the remaining ten months, they have ample time to recuperate, being daily swept and garnished by winds or tempests from the sea.

Among so many thousands as annually visit our grounds, principally at the most sickly part of the year, many of them sick or feeble when they come, and all of them passing through a change of diet, exercises and employments, it can hardly be otherwise than that in some cases there should be slight derangements of the system, or attacks of temporary sickness. And, yet, upon careful inquiries of our most intelligent and reliable physicians, I have learned that while the people have been more numerous, the cases of temporary sickness have been fewer, and of milder form.

The following is a statement of the deaths that have occurred among us, and as far as known the causes which led thereto. Welcome E. Sheldon, son of W. E. Sheldon, died June 7, aged 4 years, of scarlet fever. Adam H. Brown, son of Pearson Brown, died July 9, aged 22 years and seven months, of consumption, having been sick a long time before coming here. Miss Sarah Robertson, daughter of Rev. W. C. Robertson, of the Philadelphia Conference, died July 19, aged 21, a sufferer for 4 years; a surgical operation had been performed, some time after which acute inflammation of the bowels resulted in death. Edward Durell, aged 26 years, died August 5, of heart disease, having been sick

for a long time, came here in the hope of recovery. Anna Hickman, daughter of Henry Hickman, aged nine months, died August 5, of Cholera Infantum. Thompson A. Godfrey, aged 69, died August 6, of heart disease. A citizen of Ocean Grove, both Summer and Winter from the earliest of her history, he was deeply devoted to all her interests. Charles Newton, son of William Newton, died August 7, aged 4 years, sick when he came of inflammation of the brain. Terhune Seymore, son of Robert Seymore, of Troy, died Sept. 1, aged 12 years, had diphtheria when he came, and his friends hoped for restoration here. Matilda Cochran, of Philadelphia, died August 30, aged 55, of paralysis of the nerves, afflicted for six or seven years. Nine of them in all, yet none of them attributable to anything special at this place. Let us be thankful to God, that the sickness has been so slight and the death rate in view of the numbers who congregate at this place, so small.

#### CEMETERY.

In my report last year, I called the attention of the Association to the importance of a Cemetery at this place. Nothing, however, has been done in reference to the matter, and we now have three interments beside the Church, all of which are to be removed when a permanent place of burial shall have been provided. The necessity for this will press itself upon your attention more and more as the years go by, for each year the settled population increases, and each year by this increased population the number of deaths must multiply. Besides this, a stranger dying here, in summer, a thousand miles from home, a place of interment must immediately be had. I therefore renew my request, that you will give the subject needed attention.

#### DRAINAGE.

This question has received very thorough consideration, and a bill, granting power to the Association, to construct sewerage and assess costs upon the property in the Grove, was passed by the New Jersey Legislature, at its session last winter. But as sewerage is very expensive, and by no means free from objections where it exists, and as other methods are in use, believed to be effectual, nothing further has been done.

#### ASSESSMENTS.

I think it a matter of interest, to keep before the mind of the Association annually, the actual facts with regard to our assessments. As stated before, it is the constant aim to keep this item of expense as low as possible. Our leases allow an annual assessment of 7 per cent. on \$150, upon each lot, a total of \$10.50. This sum has never been called for. The highest ever collected was five dollars, and that but one year.



The average is about \$3. But as shown in other years, this does not pay for a line of expenses, which accrue to the public benefit, and for which they pay in no other way. This appears by the following simple statement.

Cost of lighting these grounds this year. . . . .	\$1,108 00
“ of Policing, (722 days.) . . . . .	1,271 00
“ of Removing Garbage . . . . .	692 00
“ of examining Cess-pools, &c. . . . .	52 00
“ of Sprinkling Streets. . . . .	205 00
Total, . . . . .	\$3,328 00
Received on Assessments, this year, . . . . .	3,085 51
Deficit, . . . . .	\$232 49
Deficiency for two previous years . . . . .	1,048 60
Total Deficiency for three years. . . . .	\$1,281 09

It will be borne in mind, that the taxes levied on the improvements in this place, are by the township, paid to and held by it. Not one cent, thus far in our history, has been received by this Association from that source. We have no representation in the township, we pay taxes to a large amount to the township, and yet receive *nothing from the township*. I think it probable, that some misunderstanding has arisen from not keeping these facts clearly before the mind.

### POLICE.

Our police force, has been, during the past season, under the direction of Major J. C. Patterson, who is also our police Justice. It is proper to say, concerning this department of our affairs, that our policemen were never better organized, and never did better work. Less in numbers than at some other times, yet in duties more effective, and successful. It may be well to know, that these men are charged with varied and important duties: the enforcement of all our rules; the maintenance of quiet both day and night on the beach, lakes and in the Grove; the oversight of all hackmen, omnibuses, and other vehicles entering the grounds; the sanitary condition of things; the settlement of any little disputes that may arise; the abatement or removal of anything that would in any way interfere with the peace, safety, or pleasure of those who may visit our grounds; and to do all in the most quiet, orderly and inoffensive way. For so few men to accomplish all these things perfectly would be more than could be expected; and yet I am free to say, all things considered, they have done well. Men are stationed at each gate, at the ferry, at the foot of each lake, and one also along the lake. The following will give some conception of the nuisances which they have abated, and of which the peaceful dwellers in the Grove have no knowledge.

At the foot of Wesley Lake alone, there were prevented from entering the grounds:

Pedlers (eye-glass and pack) . . . . .	38
Prize package venders . . . . .	19
Punch and Judy Shows . . . . .	3
Bird shows . . . . .	4
Gymnastic shows . . . . .	2

Besides these there were prevented from entering or excluded from other parts of the grounds,

Pack pedlers . . . . .	67
“ fined . . . . .	1
“ turned away from the gates . . . . .	131
Organ grinders put off the ground . . . . .	11
“ turned away from gates . . . . .	17
Brass bands put off during Camp-Meeting . . . . .	2
Eye-glass pedlers put off . . . . .	7
“ “ turned from the gates . . . . .	13
Intoxicated persons put off the grounds . . . . .	3
“ “ turned away from the gates . . . . .	17
Prize package venders put off the grounds . . . . .	2
“ “ turned away from the gates . . . . .	29
Flashy shows of various kinds put off and turned away . . . . .	7
No. of tramps put off . . . . .	13
“ “ turned away from gates . . . . .	43

These are simply the reported cases, the actual number was greater still. It will readily be seen that but for this police vigilance the numbers of persons in the lines referred to would be much greater, and these, in addition to those who call at our cottages and tents on legitimate business connected with daily wants, would be so great that our people would have no time for rest or other duties, to say nothing of their exposure from these wanderers to insult or petty theft.

The police attentions along Wesley Lake have had good effect, as the following statements of the officer show: Boats lost (reported), and returned to owners, 43; oars lost and returned to owners, 47; damage done to boats, amount collected and returned to damaged parties, \$4.00; taken before police justices, reprimanded and discharged, 6. The whole number of boats on Wesley Lake is 530. But notwithstanding this great number the Sabbath quiet has been uninterrupted, and for so many, the usual week-day order has been good. The licensing of boats, adopted for the first time this year, has worked well, some things, however, may need amending. As with hacks, rates of charges need to be enacted, as there is a disposition on the part of some to over-reach in this respect. Then the number licensed needs to be regulated and limited. Too many make confusion. Experience proves too that sail-boats beyond a certain size

intimidate ladies and children, and should not be allowed. The steam-boat, too, is a source of fear to many, especially to mothers on behalf of their children, it is not needed, and in my judgment should not be allowed. Sail-boats of any size should not be permitted to run after dark. Great care needs to be used likewise in reference to the character of the persons to whom licenses are given to run boats, as several persons have shown themselves, this season, utterly unworthy of such a trust.

I would in connection with this subject say, that the ordinances passed by our Legislature last winter making clearly lawful things, the legality of which some doubted, have greatly aided us in our work. Nevertheless, experience has shown that some additional legislation may be needed. The law concerning pack peddlers requires them to leave the ground under penalty of \$2 fine; they do leave when the police compel them to do so, but return again often twenty times a week. The need is, that a penalty be affixed to the repetition of the offence. So likewise some modifications in the rates of licenses for hucksters, etc. I would further state that in the adjustment of many little matters among so many people, our policemen are to be commended for the undemonstrative and quiet manner in which every thing has been done; and it likewise gives me pleasure to say that while we have a new and substantial lock-up upon our grounds, yet, thus far, we have had no occasion for its use, and very few even of our permanent citizens know where it is.

I would state in conclusion on this subject, that as light is one of the most efficient aids in good police regulations, in my judgment the electric lamp, now being successfully introduced in many places, is worthy of our thought and investigation, as the very best thing with which to illuminate our whole ocean front, and so, by flooding it with the light of day, render the practice of any improprieties there not only an impossibility, but put to eternal silence the last foul utterance of a suspicion in that direction. I hope a committee may be appointed to examine the merits of this new invention.

DOGS.

The ordinance concerning dogs has been enforced this year with good results. The law requires them to be securely muzzled from the 1st day of June until the 1st day of November. In default of this they may be impounded, and if not redeemed within twenty-four hours, killed.

The following is the result :

Impounded and redeemed . . . . .	9
Impounded, not redeemed, killed and buried . . . . .	8
Killed for flagrant offences, not impounded . . . . .	2
Total . . . . .	19

With this regulation in force, we passed the summer with fair satisfac

tion, but it would be vastly better for all if, in coming to the Grove, visitors would leave their dogs at home.

### HACKS, OMNIBUSES, &c.

The matter of licenses for the various kinds of business coming to the Grove has been in operation for the first this year. Mainly it worked well, better than was anticipated. In regard to hacks, omnibuses, baggage and express wagons, it has been much better than before the license system was inaugurated. Perhaps the chief difficulty and source of conflict has been in reference to obtaining farm produce. These complaints have, I think, been founded generally upon the idea that the license fee was so large that farmers would not pay it, and so did not come: or, if they did, their charges were so high for their produce, because of the price they had to pay for license, that the people in some instances became dissatisfied. Both these points are not only errors, but I regret to say that in some instances I fear the farmers helped, rather than relieved the wrong. *In no instance whatever has a farmer been charged for selling his own produce upon these grounds.* If he brought and sold the produce of others, then he became a huckster, and was charged a license. The chief explanation of the difficulty is found in the fact that the late frosts of the spring killed large quantities of the early vegetables, and made them so scarce that there were, during the early part of the season, but few to be brought; others *thought* they had to pay a license, and so did not come; to these, a third fact is to be added, there were more people here, and they came earlier than ever before. Still, the inconvenience was not serious, and another year, when Providence may favor the farmer more, and the whole subject is better understood, with a reduction of license fees to those called hucksters, there will be no difficulty experienced in the case.

The number of persons licensed and the business conducted by them is shown by the following:

No. of omnibuses licensed . . . . .	14
“ hacks, two horses . . . . .	46
“ “ one horse . . . . .	2
“ baggage wagons . . . . .	12
“ express “ . . . . .	1
“ butchers’ “ . . . . .	8
“ hucksters’ “ . . . . .	18
“ bakers’ “ . . . . .	4
“ milk (nominal) . . . . .	10
“ fish “ . . . . .	11
“ oysters “ . . . . .	3
“ donkey express . . . . .	1
Total . . . . .	130





BATHING SCENE—FOOT OF WESLEY LAKE.

### BATHING.

We have upon our beach two public bathing places, one at the foot of Wesley Lake, the buildings at which are owned and the business conducted by Joseph Ross, Esq.; the other at the foot of Fletcher Lake, the buildings at which are owned and the business conducted by T. W. Lillagore, Esq. The grounds and privileges of conducting the business are rented to the gentlemen named for a term of years by the Association.

Mr. Ross has increased the number of his bathing-houses to 360, and has added 24 bathing-houses, in which are excellent arrangements for hot and cold salt water baths. Besides these, he has erected an engine room, which contains a six-horse power engine for pumping salt water, drying clothes, &c. He has also erected a restaurant, ice cream saloon, soda fountain, and two pavilions.

Mr. Lillagore has 205 excellent bathing-houses, ice cream saloon, soda fountain, and two substantial pavilions. I am happy to say that both these gentlemen have, I think, conducted their respective establishments to the general satisfaction of the public, and in such ways as to secure the confidence and approval of the Association. There is one thing, however, in this connection, to which I desire to call attention, and



WESLEY LAKE,

LOOKING TOWARDS THE SEA.

should greatly rejoice if a radical and thorough change could be wrought. I refer to the *improper, immodest, and exposed* condition in which many persons allow themselves to go through our most public thoroughfares to and from the bathing grounds. The custom is an injury to the place, and exposes those who practice it to many uncomplimentary remarks, both in private and by the public press. A small sum of money would procure ample accommodations at the bathing-houses for change of raiment, and so relieve the whole question ; or, if it is claimed this cannot be done, then persons going through the streets in bathing apparel should be required to be as fully cloaked or covered as when in their ordinary clothing. Let us hope for a decided reform in this matter another year.

## WESLEY LAKE.

As the years roll, this little sheet of water becomes a source of enjoyment to increasing numbers of people, and for that fact needs the greater care and attention. Its sanitary condition needs to be faithfully watched, and everything avoided that would awaken a suspicion of its purity, or in any way endanger the health of those residing near its banks. Hitherto it has not caused sickness, and need not, if proper safeguards are thrown around it at its head. This needs the united vigilance of both Asbury Park and Ocean Grove. Its government the past season, as also last year, has been by a joint board of supervision, appointed by the Grove and Park, and in the main has worked well, but some more stringent regulations are needed, in reference to licenses, running of sail-boats, steamboat, and other things, so that the utmost order and sense of safety to all may be preserved. The Sabbath sanctity on the Lake, I am happy to say, is well observed. The appointment of a special police on our side has removed some abuses, and wrought some improvements upon its shore. Neither side can be too jealous of protecting, to the highest possible degree, the order and healthfulness of this little gem of pleasure. Its injury in any sense would detract largely from the happiness of many who gather at these localities.

## FLETCHER LAKE.

The waters of this lake have been in good condition during the season. The boats have multiplied to 35, and the number who use it for pleasure have also gradually increased. It is susceptible of a high degree of improvement, and as the years advance will become the successful rival of the now more popular, because better improved Wesley Lake. The day is not distant when a few thousand dollars, spent in this neighborhood, will be a good investment, and soon pay back more than the original cost.

## ELIM COTTAGE.

This interesting enterprise, which aims at moderate cost to provide a place of entertainment for all evangelical ministers of our Lord Jesus Christ, has passed through the third year of its history. One hundred and five guests were entertained within its walls, embracing Methodists, Presbyterians, Episcopalians, Lutherans, Reformed, Baptists, Congregationalists, Friends and German Reformed, from New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland, Massachusetts, Louisiana and Aus-





tralia. The officers and members of the "Ladies' Aid Society of Ocean Grove," who have this interest in charge, are doing a good work, and though sometimes discouraged in it, have great cause for thankfulness that in this quiet and unobtrusive way they are securing the approval of Him who said, "He that receiveth a prophet in the name of a prophet shall receive a prophet's reward." Donations to aid in carrying on the enterprise more effectually will be thankfully received by the President, Mrs. Annie Cookman, or by the Treasurer, Mrs. Joseph H. Thornley, both of Philadelphia, Pa.



## PUBLISHING INTERESTS.

From the beginning it has been the custom of the Association to print the Annual Report of the President in neat pamphlet form. In accordance with this arrangement, we published in December last 2000 copies of the Eighth Annual Report, under the title "Worship by the Sea." with the revised By-Laws at the end, at a cost of \$154. A copy of this, as aforetime, was sent, free of charge, to each lot holder, which left a sufficient number for office distribution, to friends visiting here and desiring to know something of our work and progress. In May of this year, as usual, we printed 3000 copies of our Ocean Grove Annual, No. 9, for gratuitous distribution, giving information to the public of our meetings, tent rates and other matters supposed to be of interest to persons desiring to visit or make their homes with us for a season by the sea. This enables many who come in advance to send to their friends at home, in condensed and convenient forms, many facts of interest which they could not otherwise know.

Last year Dr. Curry, visiting our grounds, volunteered to publish an illustrated article on Ocean Grove, providing we would supply the cuts and furnish the article. The proposition was accepted, and the May number of the *National Repository* contains the article as agreed.

*The Daily Graphic*, of New York, also published in one of its numbers two pages of illustrations of Ocean Grove, together with a descriptive article written with accuracy and care.

*Harper's Weekly*, too, in one of its issues, gave a large pictorial illustration of Ocean Grove, and one of the best surf meeting scenes yet published.

*The Ladies' Floral Wreath*, of New York, a finely printed monthly journal of high tone, published in their August number some fine illustrations of our grounds, with complimentary notices of the same. These, together with the unnumbered visitors who write letters to their home journals and reporters from the daily papers, give to the world at large a pretty thorough knowledge of our doings here.

A very good cut, representing Ocean Grove from the sea, and a compactly written article also, is found in Bishop Simpson's new Encyclopædia of Methodism just published.

*The Ocean Grove Record* has changed its form and returned to its original heading since our last Annual Meeting. Its contents are as ever varied, interesting, spicy and full of religious spirit and instruction. It should be in the house of every friend of Ocean Grove. The cost is so trifling, and its weekly visits so important, especially during those parts of the year when our people are at their distant homes, that no ordinary

consideration should induce them to be without it. If it is to be sustained and continued, it needs the active co-operation of all its friends.

### POST-OFFICE.

Letters sent from this office this year . . . . .	101,208
“ “ “ last year . . . . .	97,696
Increase . . . . .	3,512
Letters received this year . . . . .	107,300
“ last year . . . . .	99,496
Increase . . . . .	7,804

### TELEGRAMS.

Sent this year . . . . .	3278
Sent last year . . . . .	3237
Increase . . . . .	41

The telegraph office at this place has this year become a money-order office, in which line considerable business has been done, and the public interests thereby conserved.

The need for more extended accommodations in the post-office building continues to be a felt want at this place. So pressing is this want that it might properly be termed a necessity. Indeed, a building better adapted to both postal and Association needs must be provided at no distant day.

### RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES.

Received from all sources for year ending Sept. 1, 1878, including cash	
balance of Sept. 1, 1877 . . . . .	\$56,450 18
Expenditures, including payments on lands and all other objects . . . .	47,610 16
Balance in Treasury Sept. 1. 1878 . . . . .	\$ 8,840 02

### ASSETS.

Inventory, including Association buildings, Tools, Tents, &c., &c . . . .	60,825 00
Bonds and Mortgages, Railroad Bonds and Book Accounts, &c . . . .	28,671 99
Total . . . . .	\$89,496 99

### LIABILITIES

Of all descriptions . . . . .	22,160 67
Excess in favor of Association over all liabilities, not estimating the value of unsold lands . . . . .	\$67,336 32

It is a matter of special interest to be able to state at this time, that our books, which from the beginning, though accurate as to receipts and expenditures, yet not in such forms as rule requires, have, at our request, been taken in hand by a competent person, thoroughly analyzed, and a new set opened upon the most approved principles of modern book-keeping. This is a great satisfaction to us all.

### PARTICULAR MERCIES.

I have thus called your attention to most, if not all the prominent and tangible points and phases of our material work during the year just closed. I cannot conclude this part of my report, however, without special mention of the continued watchfulness and care of Almighty God over these grounds for the twelve months past. There has been no case of fire among us. The tempests which have desolated many parts of our land, have done us little or no harm. The health of the people has been good. The weather during most of the season delightful, and while many thousands of both old and young availed themselves of the pleasures of the ocean bath, no one has been drowned. I think it a marvelous history, that for nine years so many hundreds of thousands have enjoyed this luxury without one fatal accident. For such signal and unparalleled mercies we desire to ascribe unceasing praise to Almighty God, and while we continue to feel our dependence upon Him, would, at the same time, most earnestly and affectionately exhort our people to the observance of all rules adopted for the maintenance of health, and especially of all appropriate cautions while bathing in the sea.





“In the beginning, God,”—  
 The Father, Son, and Spirit, by the Sea;  
 Where truth, like dew-drops on the sod,  
 Falls tenderly.

#### RELIGIOUS SERVICES.

I now come to what will be to you all a more pleasant, because a more spiritual, part of this report. And yet, the former, though bearing of necessity exclusively upon the material, is important, as the trellis to the vine which bears the rich clusters of delicious fruit. Without the trellis, the vine would fail, and it is only the inseparable connection of the material with the spiritual that leads us to devote so much attention to the things which seemingly belong alone to time.

Our religious services commenced this year with a prayer and experience meeting in the Bishop Janes Memorial Tabernacle, on Thursday evening, June 8th, and I wish here to return thanks to a company of young ladies who, feeling a deep interest in this building, wrought with their own fingers and framed at their own expense, twelve beautiful mottoes to hang over each door of this, our place of summer worship. The first Sabbath service of the season was held on Sabbath afternoon, June 16th, at 3.30 o'clock.

#### FOURTH OF JULY.

The one hundred and second anniversary of American Independence was celebrated on Thursday, July 4. The bells were rung, and a national salute fired at sunrise. The McKnight Rifle Company paraded under Capt. Rainear; a company of citizens joined them at Evergreen Park, and marched with them to the foot of Main Avenue, where a statue of the “Angel of Victory,” seated upon a pedestal, in an enclosed mound



called "Monmouth Place," in honor of the battle of Monmouth, was unveiled. The erection of this statue was projected, and is, in part, the result of private subscriptions from citizens of this place. After brief speeches of presentation and replies, the procession moved to the auditorium, which was handsomely decorated for the occasion by W. H. Stokes, Esq. Prayer was offered by Rev. J. H. Thornley. Rev. W. S. Barnart, pastor of St. Paul's M. E. Church, read the Declaration of Independence. The oration was delivered by Rev. Chas. R. Hartranfft, of Long Branch. The music, under the direction of W. Dey, Esq., with all the other exercises, passed off delightfully, without riot, noise, or confusion of any kind.

### OCEAN GROVE SUMMER SABBATH-SCHOOL.

The auditorium was opened this year for divine service on Sabbath, July 7th. In the afternoon, at 2 o'clock, the Ocean Grove Summer Sabbath-school was organized, with an attendance of 815. The Infant Department was immediately assigned to the Tabernacle, under the direction of G. W. Evans. The Adult Bible Class, which filled Dr. Ward's tent to overflowing, to Dr. Hanlon, while the main division remained in the auditorium in charge of J. H. Thornley, Supt., assisted by T. McPherson and J. L. Hays. The numbers and interest of the school continued to increase until August 25th, when there were 1900 present. After this, the numbers declined until Sept. 8th, when the school closed with 500 in attendance. The school was in session ten Sabbaths, and the total number in attendance was 13,121, an increase of 1327 over last year, without St. Paul's school, which last year met with ours, but this year kept open through all the season. The average attendance each Sabbath was 1312.

The International Lesson Leaves were used, papers circulated, singing of a high order engaged in, and all the appointments and privileges of a first-class Sabbath-school enjoyed, while at the same time, the numbers prove a wonderful inspiration to all. It is still true that this part of our work increases in interest and numbers every year.

### UNION EVANGELISTIC SERVICES.

The services of the Union Evangelistic Society commenced on Tuesday morning, July 9th, and closed Friday morning, July 19th, under the Presidency of Rev. A. B. Earl, D. D., assisted by a large number of the ministers of the various denominations. The exercises were, in the main, well attended, and the congregations sometimes very large. Much of the preaching was of a superior order, and the whole of the exercises high-toned and spiritual. One day, namely, Saturday the 13th,

was given to the ladies, under Mrs. Whittenmyer, as temperance day. The addresses of Mrs. Robinson, of Indiana; Mrs. Yeomans, of Canada; Mrs. Lathrop, of Michigan; Mrs. Wittenmyer, of Philadelphia, and others, will long live in the memories of the vast congregations permitted to hear them. Tuesday, the 16th, was children's day, under Rev. E. P. Hammond, and a time of much interest. All the meetings were good, and met a want at this place, where so many of the various denominations assemble from time to time, and are glad to greet those of their own faith and fellowship.

#### ANNIVERSARY DAY.

Wednesday, July 31st, was celebrated as the ninth anniversary of our first little prayer meeting held upon these grounds, in Bro. Thornley's tent, near what is now cor. of Lake avenue and Pilgrim pathway, July 31, 1869. The new Hymnal of the Methodist Episcopal Church was first introduced at this service, and used throughout the season with great satisfaction. Rev. Dr. Foss, President of Wesleyan University, Middletown, Conn., preached a sermon of marvelous strength and beauty, at 10.30 A. M. At 3 o'clock in the afternoon, the young people's exercises took place. These consisted of singing, prayer and addresses by Geo. C. Stull, of Trenton, N. J.; Miss M. J. Edna Taylor, of Conn.; Frank W. Knowles, of Orange, N. J.; John Hanlon, of Pennington, N. J., and Miss Carrie Howland, of Ocean Grove, N. J. Charles Vaughn, of Philadelphia, gave solos on the cornet, and the children of the Paterson Orphan Asylum sang and gave several recitations. The choir was led by W. Dey, Esq., and the Lakeside Band sung several special pieces. At the close of these services, all of which were much more than ordinarily interesting, the vase at the west end of the auditorium and directly in front of the preacher's stand, filled with beautiful flowers, was unveiled, and dedicated to the summer worshipers at Ocean Grove. Several impromptu addresses were then delivered, and the orphan children repeated the Apostles' Creed and Lord's Prayer in reverent tones, the doxology was sung, the benediction pronounced, and the most successful young people's anniversary we ever held came to a close. Several ladies connected with St. Paul's Church, Philadelphia, asked the privilege of filling this vase with flowers next year, and for this purpose collected and left in our hands the sum of \$10. At night the anniversary prayer meeting took place at the auditorium, more than 3000 people being present. The singing was conducted by Philip Phillips. The prayers were fervent, and the whole service blest to many souls, while multitudes in their hearts exclaimed, "*What hath God wrought?*"

## SERVICE OF SONG.

On Thursday afternoon, August 1st, Philip Phillips commenced a series of song services which continued until Wednesday evening, August 7th, in which he was assisted by Mrs. Phillips, Mr. and Mrs. Osborn, of Ohio, James C. Phillips and Charles Woodhull, cornetist, and by all the congregation,—for at each service, song sermons, with music, interspersed with scriptural readings, were circulated among the people. The whole service, in which some 15,000 sermons were distributed, was intensely spiritual and greatly enjoyed, as shown in the fact that the last was among the largest congregations that attended.

## WOMEN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY DAY.

Sabbath, August 11th, was set apart as the anniversary of the Ocean Grove Women's Foreign Missionary Society. Dr. Dashiel preached to the great satisfaction and delight of a vast congregation at 10.30 A. M., from the words of Jesus, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the Gospel to every creature." At the close it was stated that such a sermon was worth at least two hundred dollars, and the congregation was asked to drop this sum in the baskets to aid the women in their foreign missionary work. Singularly enough the collection amounted to exactly two hundred dollars. In the afternoon the anniversary proper was held, the annual reports read and Mrs. William B. Skidmore, of New York, and Mrs. Chandler, of Baltimore, addressed the meeting. On Monday evening a missionary love feast was held, a large number spoke, and the meeting was of such a peculiarly touching and tender character that it was found difficult to bring it to a close. Over \$470 were realized as the result of the anniversary day, a larger sum than ever reached before.

## SURF MEETINGS.

The origin of these meetings, now so popular among us, was very simple, and I think never written. During the first year of our meeting here, a young man stepped up before service on Sabbath morning, and asked if it was contrary to our rules to go down to the beach on the Sabbath? I said, "We have no rules on the subject;" but added, "I don't believe I would go now; if you will wait till after tea we will all go down and hold a meeting there." "Well," said he, "I guess I can wait till then." A brother rebuked me sharply, and said, "You are abridging the liberties of the people, why didn't you let him go?" I answered, "No, I am enlarging them, (I did not forbid his going), for instead of sending this young man down to the beach alone, (there were not many people here in 1870), I said if he would wait till after tea, we would *all go with him*." He did wait, we all went, and a meeting never to be forgotten was

held upon the shore. These meetings have since become a necessity, and when the weather permits are uniformly held just after tea on Sabbath evenings.

During the summer just past, the number of these meetings held was eleven, at which there were over fifty addresses, many prayers, hundreds of songs, with an aggregate attendance of over 70,000 people. To a stranger visiting these meetings for the first time, the impression is peculiarly deep, solemn and impressive, while to most it is abiding and good.

#### ANNUAL CAMP MEETING.

The Annual Camp Meeting commenced this year on Monday, August 19th, a few days later than last year, growing out of the fact that if we had commenced the first of the week before it would for some reasons have been too early, and if we had commenced the latter part of that week, which would have been about the same date as last year, then to run it ten days would have required two Sabbaths, a point in my judgment always to be avoided. In order, therefore, not to have it too early, and yet bring it through a day or two before the 1st of September, we had to commence on Monday.

The opening service, the sacrament of the Lord's Supper, was in the evening of that day. About 900 communed, and at the close the large number of ministers present expressed their heartiest sympathies with the meeting, and pledged their presence, prayers and labors in its support; pledges which many of them every day redeemed in the noblest and most apostolic manner. The singing was under the direction of Professor John R. Sweeney, assisted by Bro. John Hardy, of New York. The opening sermon on Tuesday morning by Rev. B. M. Adams, of New Haven, and a member of this Association, from the text, "They that wait upon the Lord shall mount up with wings as eagles," seemed to give the keynote to the whole meeting, namely, the highest possible attainments in the divine life as qualifications for the conversion of sinners. The sermons were all of a high order, some of them of peerless magnificence and matchless might. It was the testimony of most that such a series of sermons in succession, were rarely if ever heard. The Spirit of God seemed to attend them all. The morning meetings for holiness, led by Dr. and Mrs. Palmer, commencing during the Union Evangelistic meetings, July 13th, continued up to the Camp-Meeting, run through that and on to Sabbath, September 15th, a period of two months and two days, were intensely interesting and profitable to many hundred souls. The early morning meetings for consecration, by Bro. Andrews; the young people's meetings, led by the young men, assisted by Mrs. Bottome; the children's meetings, in charge of Bro. G. W. Evans; the holiness meetings, held by Sister



Lizzie Smith; the preachers' meetings, led by Bro. Inskip; the twilight meetings, under the lead of Bro. B. M. Adams; the Bible readings and general experience meetings were all spiritual, powerful and successful. Bishop Harris, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and Bishop Fallows, of the Reformed Episcopal Church, favored us with their presence, and gave us sermons of unusual interest and strength. The meeting closed on Thursday morning, August 29th, at which time ten children were baptized and 1200 persons received the holy communion. At this service one table was filled with children, about forty in number, a part of those who had professed conversion at their special meetings and received the sacred emblems seemingly with as much intelligence, reverence and pious joy as their parents, brethren or friends. The ministers then marched around the auditorium square, followed by a large part of the congregation, then, gathering at the stand again, amid hands shaking, tears and triumphant songs of an unusual character, the meeting closed. In the estimation of all it was the most successful ever held upon these grounds.

The services after camp-meeting, which were continued up to Thursday evening, October 3d, were largely attended, peculiarly interesting, spiritual and profitable, in which many souls were wonderfully aided Godward.

On Sabbath, September 8th, an appeal from Memphis on behalf of the sufferers from yellow fever was read to the congregation, which, in the most cheerful and enthusiastic manner, contributed the noble sum of \$591 for their relief.

#### RECAPITULATION.

I have thus named the special meetings of the year, but it will be seen that the intervals between these services were occupied with religious meetings of some kind, so that from the time the Tabernacle was opened, in June, to its close in autumn, a period of four months, the songs of salvation do not cease to roll.

The following is an exact synopsis of the various exercises held: sermons preached 87, temperance addresses 6, prayer and experience meeting 37, holiness, twilight and consecration meetings, the same in purpose, though called by different names, 141, young people's meetings 40, children's meetings 18, Sabbath-school services 10, Bible readings 5, surf meetings 11, surf meeting addresses 50, love feasts 4, sacraments 3, sunrise meetings 1, teachers' meetings 4, family devotions at the stand 12, preachers' meetings 2, poem readings 2, national celebration 1, Ocean Grove anniversary 1, Women's Foreign Missionary Society anniversary 1, missionary love feasts 2, song sermons by Philip Phillips 12, historical chart service 1, blackboard exercises with Scripture readings 2; 452 in all; in addition to which are to be considered the unnumbered exhortations, prayers and inspiring songs, moving the hearts of countless multi-

tudes until for days and weeks the whole place was like that which Moses occupied, when the Lord said to him, "Put off thy shoes from off thy feet, for the place whereon thou standest is holy ground."

What are the results? No man can tell. This much, however, comes to our knowledge. Counting those, of whom persons in charge of the various meetings gained information, there were reclaimed, wholly sanctified, or newly saved, 570, at the close of the camp-meeting, but since then, there have been enough to swell the number to at least *six hundred!* But, besides all these, there have been those who have come from all points of the compass, some from as far off as Minnesota, who have spoken privately and otherwise of the wonderful blessings received here during these summer months; and while they came more particularly for physical health, yet, having been so graciously baptized of the Holy Spirit while here, were going home to be better Christians and to do more for God. May the home churches feel the impulse of this summer work at Ocean Grove down to the end of time.

I have thus shown you the year as best I could, both temporally and spiritually. I praise God for all; and yet, amid all, my heart is sometimes saddened when I remember that you, and we all, engaged in this enterprise, having, as I am persuaded, a single aim to glorify God, are often misunderstood, and as a consequence, misjudged and censured; still, I as often take courage, knowing that this was the path the Master trod, and if we are faithful he will, though it be through suffering, in his own time and way, bring us

"Where a blasted world shall brighten  
Underneath a bluer sphere,  
And a softer, gentler sunshine  
Sheds its healing splendor here;  
Where earth's barren vales shall blossom,  
Putting on their robes of green,  
And a purer, fairer Eden  
Be where only wastes have been,  
Where a King in kingly glory,  
Such as earth has never known,  
Shall assume the righteous sceptre,  
Claim and wear the holy crown.  
Brothers, there we all shall rest  
With the holy and the blest."

Until then, we do here and now commend you, and this great work, to God and his grace, to keep you and it forever.

E. H. STOKES, *President.*

OCEAN GROVE, N. J., October, 1878.

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# In Memoriam.

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ALFRED COOKMAN.  
RULIF V. LAWRENCE.  
GEORGE FRANKLIN.  
JOHN H. STOCKTON.

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They sought for rest, and found it by the sea,  
Where proud ships sail, and winds so grandly sweep ;  
Where glassy lakes lie slumbering on the lee,  
And dim old forests cast their shadows deep ;  
Here oft they sat, and with their friends conversed,  
And prayed, and sung of Jesus' precious blood—  
Full many a time the story they rehearsed,  
Then sweetly passed in triumph up to God.

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### SURF MEETING AT OCEAN GROVE, N. J.

Beside the Sea the wondering people stood ;  
Or sat, or bowed, devotion's earnest throng ;  
The spirit, lost in worship's attitude,  
Mingled its praises with the billows' song.

O widening sea ! O ever heaving flood !  
Here on thy margin, where the surges roar,  
Thy people rise to Thee, O blessed God,  
They weep, they worship, triumph and adore — E. H. S.

TEN YEARS BY THE SEA.



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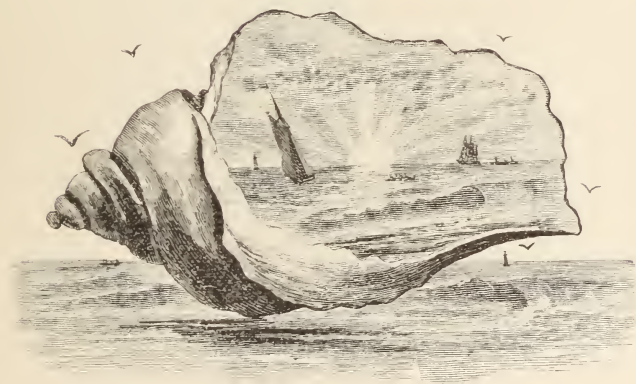
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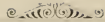
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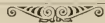
Cheer thee, O cheer, there is light on the sea,  
Sunshine and gladness are waiting for thee;  
White crested billows break softly and slow,  
Sky and the ocean with joy are aglow.

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*To the Members of the Association :*

DEAR BRETHREN :—As in the ascent of a lofty mountain, there are points where we pause and look back over the way we have traveled, so in the business of life there are periods of examination and review. In the history of Ocean Grove these periods occur at each of our annual meetings, but as this is the close of our first decade, a little more deliberation and minuteness may be allowed. At each of these annual gatherings we have, in varied, and as it has seemed to us, appropriate ways, given expression to the emotions of our hearts for the manifestations of the Divine goodness, and yet it is proper now, at the close of these ten years of special mercies, to offer profounder thanksgivings to Almighty God. The causes which should lead to these are many. I merely touch a few.

God in His providence has dealt very kindly with the members of this Association. Of the twenty-six whose names stand on the original charter, granted by the State of New Jersey, all but four are living, and only six besides, from removals and all other causes, have ceased to be in connection with us, so that sixteen of the twenty-six who started with the enterprise ten years ago still remain, are in health, and as far as circumstances allow, bear the full share and burden of the work assigned them. The vacancies which have occurred by death or otherwise, after much deliberation and prayer, have been filled with true and good men, who, we believe, feel as deeply concerned for the success of this enterprise as those engaged in it from the first.

Another cause for special gratitude is, that while we commenced this enterprise purely as a religious institution, and for that reason, under regulations and restrictions peculiar to itself, which regulations and restrictions those outside of ourselves failed to understand and appreciate, and consequently much prejudice existed, yet time, that tempers all things, revealing the propriety of these restrictions, prejudices have been removed, a better feeling everywhere exists, and the distinctive religious character of the place still remains. Difficulties, too, of multifarious

forms and number, some of them so gigantic as to threaten at times our entire overthrow and annihilation, have not only been overcome, but many times by such signal victories as clearly to reveal the fact that God was on our side. The transformation of this wild and unsightly waste from a barren sand desert to a comely little city by the sea—the gathering together of multiplied thousands for worship and recreation, even when there were no means of transportation but poor stages over poorer roads; the general prevalence of good order; the freedom from contagion and special sickness of all kinds; our healthy financial condition, notwithstanding the general depression of the times—and though there have been many uncharitable criticisms, yet vastly more kind and pleasant things



REV. J. S. INSKIP'S COTTAGE.  
Cor. Beach Avenue and Ocean Pathway.

have been generously said—but, above and over all, the wonderful spiritual triumphs that have been achieved—these, and thousands of other things, call for expressions of profoundest gratitude to Almighty God. While the mere mention of these things suggests sentiments of gratitude to our hearts, yet, additional light will be thrown upon them as we proceed, and our emotions will, I am sure, be intensified rather than diminished. With these general remarks, I proceed to give you, as far as I may be able, in detail, an account of the

## WORK OF THE ASSOCIATION FOR THE YEAR.

Immediately after the adjournment of the Annual Meeting last year, our forces were set to work under Capt. Rainear to clear up all our lands south of Cookman Avenue, extending to our southern line, and westward, including the swamp, beyond the turnpike and railroad opposite Fletcher Lake, and subsequently, after the purchase of the Magill tract of thirty-one acres in February last, the whole of that was cleared of underbrush, and all the trees of all our unplotted lands were trimmed, amounting altogether to about 120 acres. Then the cold weather coming on, the ice-house was filled with over two thousand tons of excellent ice. When the spring opened, arrangements were made with the Freehold and Jamesburg Agricultural Railroad through Col. Buckalew, for the transfer of clay from Farmingdale on very favorable terms, and the New Jersey Central Railroad granted trackage free from Sea Girt, so that we brought six hundred car loads of this material, which made ten thousand and two hundred two horse wagon loads, to which were added about four thousand loads of gravel from our own grounds, all of which have been placed upon our Avenues, as follows: Main Avenue, from Sea to Gates, Broadway, from Sea to Gates, Asbury Ave., from Pilgrim Pathway to Benson, Sea View, from Ocean to Pilgrim Pathway, Surf, from Central to Beach, Ocean Pathway, north side, from Central to Ocean, Ocean Pathway, from Ocean to Central, south side, Mount Hermon and Olin street, from Whitefield to Ocean, Mount Tabor, from Benson to Central, Mount Carmel, from New Jersey to Pilgrim Pathway, Mount Zion, the whole length, Mount Pisgah, the whole length, Heck, from Pilgrim to Central, Embury, from Pilgrim to Central, Webb, from Pilgrim to Ocean, Abbott, from Pilgrim to Central, Beach, from Broadway to Wesley Lake, Central, from Broadway to Sea View, Pilgrim Pathway, from Broadway to Camp Ground, New York, from Main to Asbury, Pennsylvania, from Broadway to Asbury, New Jersey, from Main to Wesley Lake, Delaware, from Main to Asbury, Benson, from Main to Asbury, Ocean, from Surf Avenue to Bath Houses. The Avenues named, and the distances of each aggregated, make nearly six miles of our roadways thus improved at a cost of about \$3,000, and when the requisite quantity of material shall this Autumn, or early next Spring, have been placed on the other Avenues not named, about one-third of the whole, and those already commenced finished, all our roads will be in good condition. All can be so completed at an additional cost of about \$2,000. Perhaps no improvement for years, has made a more favorable impression upon the public mind, or given more general satisfaction to our own people.

In immediate connexion with this work, twelve hundred and forty



yards of Avenues sixty feet wide, have been cut through, in some places six feet deep. This fact which is stated in a brief sentence, required many teams and men and days of heavy labor to accomplish. In addition to this, eight hundred and sixty yards of Avenues have been graded. Six hundred and fifty feet of side-walks have been clayed and graveled, eight hundred and twenty yards of stone curbing have been set, and twelve hundred and seventy-five yards have been put down with Georgia pine, hemlock being no longer thought worth using, and we believe it would be cheaper, and every way more satisfactory, if wood of all kinds, for this purpose should be abandoned, and all should settle down on the use of stone. The whole of Wesley Lake front from Fairy



WESLEY LAKE—FROM SHELDON HOUSE.

Island to Pilgrim Pathway has been curbed with stone to prevent the wash of the waters breaking up the shore, and a plank foot-way six feet wide, laid from the gate on the Turnpike at Wesley Bridge to Ross's Bathing grounds, a distance of 4010 feet, the bank where broken mended, and a line of lamps set from the Turnpike to the Sea, making altogether one of the finest improvements of the year. This work by the Association has so encouraged the owners of private property, that many of them have, and all of them ultimately will, come out with their own improvements to meet ours, so that soon the whole Wesley Lake front will be not only a charm to the eye, but a credit to the place. Besides this walk along Wesley Lake, there have been additional plank walks four feet wide, laid from Pilgrim Pathway to Central Avenue, north of Ocean Pathway, from Pilgrim Pathway to Central Avenue, south of Ocean Pathway, from McClintock street to Park, in the rear of Young

People's Temple, and also along Central Ave., west side, from Main to Broadway, ten hundred and sixty feet. The barren ground on Ocean Pathway, between Pilgrim Pathway and Central Avenues, has been enclosed with posts and solid rail on top, which together with the Parks next to the Sea on Ocean Pathway, have been covered with muck about one foot in depth, making nine thousand five hundred and sixty square yards thus covered. All these have had lime and other fertilizers placed upon them, and sown with grass, while those next to Pilgrim Pathway have been beautified with vases, flowers and trees, until the whole has been transformed from a repulsive waste to spots of beauty and attraction.

The triangle of land west of Ross's bathing houses, between Wesley Lake and Spray Ave., which from the beginning has been in an unimproved state, has been leveled and depressions filled by the removal of about five hundred and fifty loads of sand, all the brush cut off



SURF SCENE.

and burned, Beach Avenue cut through to the Lake, and the plank foot-way running along on the Lake bluff, with its line of lights, has brought this hitherto unsightly spot into a condition more in accord with the general improvements of the place. This plot of land, which up to this time has not been taken up, though frequently sought after, is one of the finest we know of along the Atlantic coast, for a first-class large Hotel.

The constant increase of the population of Ocean Grove, requires the constant increase of all the conveniences, comforts and appliances of a regular town. Among these, we have had to meet the demand for increased light. Many of our lamp-posts were made of saplings, cut down in the beginning from the woods, sharpened at the end, drove into the ground and a lamp set on the top. They had served their day and needed replacing. These have all been removed, and 242 new chestnut turned posts nicely painted have been set, and 103 new lamps added, thus doubling the number along the Ocean and Lake fronts, and the balance distributed as needed through the grounds. The total number of lamps now in use on posts, is 246, and swinging lamps, or those not on posts, 27. Most of the posts, too, for Street or Avenue signs, were primitive. These had to give way to the general improve-

ments, and 76 new ones, similar to the lamp-posts have been set, new signs painted, and 180 of them put up. A number more are ready and will be put in their places as opportunities occur.

### TREES.



THOMPSON PARK—OPPOSITE SHELDON HOUSE.

There have been 535 trees set out this year. These have been mostly Maples, with a considerable number of Norway Spruce, Arborvitae, Carolina Poplar, Willows, &c., with great care in setting out, and at considerable expense afterwards in watering, ninety per cent. I think, have lived through the first summer, and bid fair to do well in the future. But, should one-half of our trees die yearly, as the first cost of purchase is not very great, we should replace them every year, as we cannot on these otherwise barren grounds afford to dispense with their beautiful and inspiring presence. Those set out along Main Ave., six or seven years ago, are a benediction to all who pass along that great thoroughfare, and bid fair to live for fifty or a hundred years. Those set out this year

have been mainly along Pilgrim Pathway, from Pitman Ave. to the Lake, in Centennial, Memorial, and Thompson Parks, and the two new enclosures at the head of Ocean Pathway. It is a matter of great satisfaction, that owners of private property, are many of them placing trees on their own grounds, and it is greatly to be desired that their good example may be followed by all. It should be stated also, that Mr. Sheldon, has, at his own expense, beautified Thompson Park, opposite his new Hotel, by erecting a beautiful fountain, surrounded with pool, mounds, and flowers, two artistic summer houses, and one dozen rustic settees. For all these, the Association and public are daily thankful. It is proper to add further, that we have six large vases, erected on successive anniversary days, which are annually filled with flowers. Flowers and shrubbery of various kinds have been placed in Memorial, Centennial and



Ocean Pathway Parks. The care of the flowers, together with watering trees, mowing Parks, and work on this line, has occupied most of the time of one man during the summer months. For the better accommodation of our Young People, it was found important to erect a building for their use. The first thought was to locate it on the ground so long occupied by Dr. Ward's tent, and hallowed by so many precious memories. Maturer deliberation, however, convinced us that it would be better where it now stands. Numerous difficulties were encountered in its construction, but it was finally completed and dedicated on Anniversary Day, July 31, 1879. The cost of the building was \$1500, and filling the ground around it, sodding, and erecting the fence in the rear, \$135 additional, making a total, as things now appear, of \$1635. Thus we have removed from a very conspicuous plot of ground, a most unsightly condition of things, with the addition of a beautiful little temple for our young people, of which they are justly proud, and for which they are duly thankful. The meetings held therein this summer were more than ordinarily interesting and profitable. The only regret I have heard concerning it is that it is too small, though more than twice as large as Dr. Ward's Tent. This objection, however, can be removed without much cost. The great need of this locality now, is the removal of the tent house, which mars the beauty of the south-west corner. The whole of the Auditorium, platform, seats and all, have been repainted, at a cost of about \$200, and an enlargement for the accommodation of from 1500 to 2000 additional persons promised. This enlargement is a necessity, and its feasibility beyond question, while the acoustic properties of the place can be equal, if not superior to what they have been.

### FENCING.

There have been 180 feet of high, tight and ornamental board fence, nicely painted, built this year, partly in the rear of Young People's Temple, for the purpose of shutting off the rear of the buildings on Central Avenue, and also on Olin St., between the stores, thus shutting in unsightly places; and 1010 feet of post and rail fence enclosing Ocean Pathway Parks. These improvements add greatly to the several localities.

### AVENUES TERMINATING AT WESLEY LAKE.

For several years the terminations of the various avenues, especially Benson, Whitefield, Delaware, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, and New York, as they descend the bank, north of Asbury Avenue down to Wesley Lake, were in a bad condition, being washed into unsightly and dangerous gullies by every storm. All temporary repairs were but a waste of money, and unsatisfactory to all. Last spring the gutters in New York, Pennsyl-



vania, New Jersey, Delaware, and Whitefield Avenues were leveled up, and paved with brick laid in cement, while the spaces between the gutters, as the streets are not used as wagon ways, were graded, and several of them handsomely sodded. Whitefield Avenue was done partly at the private expense of Professor Saunders, and Delaware Avenue at the expense of J. K. Haywood, Esq., for which they have our thanks. The others were done at the expense of the Association. The reason why all were not finished at once was a delay in the supply of brick needed, and then the hot dry weather came on, through which new sod could hardly live. All are now completed, however, and in good condition. The number of bricks used in this work was about 6,000, and the number of square yards sodded 2,139. The improved condition and appearance of things in that neighborhood is worth to the place more than twice the cost.



### TENTING GROUNDS.

After an experience of several years, we found it necessary to readjust the tenting grounds in the vicinity of the Auditorium. The tents were too close together, and the Avenues too narrow for proper sanitary regulations. Besides this, persons living west of the tents on Mount Pisgah and Mount Zion ways, complained that the circulation of air was hindered and their views obstructed. To obviate all these difficulties, the

tents were thrown farther apart, the Avenues widened, and as the annual cost of putting down and taking up tent floors was not only considerable, but involved a yearly loss of quite an amount of lumber, it was thought best to set in substantial posts and put down permanent floors. As a commencement in this line, sixty of these floors, varying in size from 9 x 12 to 15 x 19 feet were put down this season. These are strongly built, with good oak puncheons, heavy posts, steps, lattice work below, nicely painted, will last for many years, and are vastly more beautiful and economical than the old method of building every year. The cost of the sixty already laid is about \$700. This work should be carried on until the whole plot around the Auditorium is completed. There were about 700 tents used this year at Ocean Grove.

### WESLEY LAKE.

Wesley Lake, as it ever has been, continues to be, a charm to our summer visitors. After having expended several hundred dollars in the reconstruction of the dam at its foot last Spring, it was a matter of real regret and much loss to us in many ways, and a very great disappointment to the people that in the unprecedented storm of Aug. 18th, it should again give way. We are satisfied, however, that the real cause of the break, was largely, if not wholly in the inadequacy of the flume to carry off the unusually large amount of surplus water arising from the heavy rain fall of that day. We have arrangements for its reconstruction with a reliable gentleman, who guarantees if it does not stand and do its work for ten years, he will replace it at his own expense. While the waters of the Lake were out, many feared that fevers or other troubles might arise therefrom, but I do not know of a single case of sickness attributed to that cause. Its sanitary condition has been good. While the waters were out, a close examination of the Ocean Grove side was made. Two waste pipes from pumps were found running into it. The owners were immediately notified, and other arrangements made at once. Nothing but pure water should be allowed to flow into this Lake from either side, and the head of the Lake particularly needs to be constantly and carefully guarded to prevent nuisances of every kind. The boats, of which there are now 536, have been under careful supervision, and have mostly worked well. Sail boats and steamboats being excluded by ordinances from both sides, for the past season, the fears of the timid have been allayed, and general satisfaction given. The rules for the regulation of the Lake have been generally kept, and the Sabbath order good. The establishment of the upper ferry at the foot of New Jersey Avenue, has done away with the pretended necessity of crossing from various points



WESLEY LAKE,

LOOKING TOWARD THE SEA.

on the Sabbath day. A regulation was adopted by the Lake Commissioners refusing licenses for carrying passengers for hire, to persons over 21 years of age. This arrangement cuts off some unruly persons that heretofore have troubled us, and leaves this little traffic to the boys, to whom it would seem legitimately to belong.

### FLETCHER LAKE.

The waters of this Lake have been in good condition all summer, and the dam at its foot, while it cost over \$2000, a year or two ago, remains firm, and is likely to last until its timbers shall decay. The number of boats now upon it is 76, nine of which have sails. The observance of the Sabbath regulations on this lake has improved, and while there have



been some complaints about the sail boats, yet the difficulties in this direction are not serious, and will not be while the number is so small. This Lake, as has been often stated, is susceptible of great improvements, and something has been already done in anticipation of this result. The little notch of land consisting of about three acres on this side, known as the Brown tract, which runs into us at the southern extremities of Central Avenue and Pilgrim Pathway, and has hitherto prevented our advancement in that locality, is now two-thirds ours by actual possession, and the third and last share will be secured before this report is in the hands of our people. This finally settled, we shall be able to proceed with a wide roadway and drive from Central Avenue, around the margin of the Lake, through where the ice house now stands, up to the Turnpike, then, with the opening of the Lake, up to our western boundary at the Turnpike or Railroad, and the location of a depot there, such a change will be wrought over the whole face of our territory, that it will no longer be afar off or unsightly. Already the timber and underbrush have been cut off from what will be the bed of the Lake from the ice house to the Turnpike, and 750 cubic yards of muck have been taken out and used—a drain has also been opened from the ice house west, a distance of 530 yards. The high ground on the south of the Lake from a little west of the ice house to the Turnpike, and the new tract running thence across the Turnpike and Railroad, and down the west side of the Turnpike and Railroad, a distance of more than a half mile from our gates, amounting to 31 acres, have been purchased at a cost of \$3962, thus giving us ample ground for a depot, a number of very fine lots along the west side of the Turnpike and south side of the Lake, and space for a cemetery should we conclude to locate one there.

I have thus enumerated the most important of the public improvements, which together with the routine work, such as the erecting and taking down tents, cleaning vaults, removing garbage, taking care of and lighting lamps, filling the ice house, delivering ice, policing the ground, and a thousand other things that cannot be enumerated, involved in the general care and oversight of the place, have occupied the time and labor of our working force this year.

### PRIVATE IMPROVEMENTS.

The private improvements for the year have been numerous and costly. The most important of these is the enlargement of the Sheldon House, to more than double its former capacity, having accommodations for about 300 guests, with all the modern appliances for convenience and comfort enjoyed by city hotels. Clayton's Emporium on Main Avenue, has been enlarged and greatly improved in general appearance and





SHELDON HOUSE.

adaptability to its work. Morrow, Day & Co., have beautified their premises by the addition of an Ice Cream Garden on the East of their main building, and at the same time enlarged their capacity to meet the demands of their growing business. The Surf View House, built by Geo. Franklin, in the early days of Ocean Grove, has been greatly improved this year, by its present enterprising proprietress, Mrs. Price.

The Neptune, Arctic and Crowell Houses, are new buildings of corresponding size, erected during the past year for boarding purposes. Mr. Davies has also built a new house at the corner of Main and Ocean Avenues. Besides these there have been 41 new cottages erected during the year, and 15 large additions to those already built. A number of smaller improvements appear in various directions, and many lots have been enclosed with substantial fencing. All the buildings erected are of a better character than those of previous years.

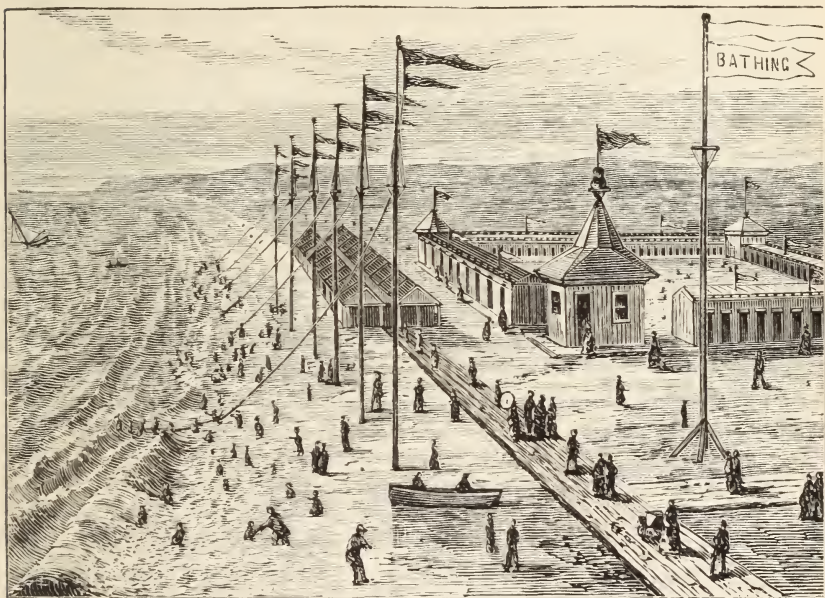
The estimated value of private improvements during the past year is \$95,375.

The total number of cottages last year was 567. The total number this year is 608, increase 41. The total number of regular boarding-houses last year, was 33, this year 39, increase 6. Besides these, however, there are large numbers of cottages that accommodate their friends with private board. In addition to these, there are within our gates, 3 Bakers, 5 Ice Cream Saloons, 3 Barber Shops, 1 Book Store, 1 News Stand, 3 Restaurants, 2 Grocery, Provision, and General Furnishing Stores, 1 Drug Store, 1 Fish Market, 2 Meat Markets, 2 Photograph Galleries, 1 Dry Goods and Fancy Store, 1 Ladies' Trimmings Store, 1 Candy Store. There are 17 private stables, an increase of 3. The number of new buildings in course of erection at this date, is 14. Number of enlargements now in course, 13.

### BATHING HOUSES.

Mr. Ross has enlarged his bathing accommodations, by adding to his 360 rooms of last year, 20 more, which has given him this year 380.

Mr. Lillagore had last year 205 rooms, this year he added 70, which gave him 275 in all.



LILLAGORE'S BATHING GROUNDS, FOOT OF FLETCHER LAKE.

Both these bathing departments are conducted, as far as I have been able to learn, on liberal principles, and with general satisfaction. There are many and heavy expenses and also great responsibilities involved in

their maintenance which the public do not seem to understand, and the proprietors sometimes feel, do not appreciate. Many thousands of people in the course of the season, provide their own bathing suits, put them on at their cottages, tents, or boarding houses, go to the bathing grounds, enjoy the benefits of the life lines and other appliances of safety, come out of the water, go to their homes in their wet garments, and during all the season do not contribute a farthing towards the expenses of maintaining these places of public resort. This is a wrong both to themselves and to the gentlemen who provide these places of comfort for them. The remedy would involve but a small outlay by each individual, yet considerable revenue would thereby accrue to the proprietors. But this is not all, or the most objectionable. The arrangements for bathing at home, in some instances many blocks away from the bathing grounds, involve the passing through our most thronged and public places, in such styles of dress, as are often *highly improper*, not to say indecent, and generally such as call forth remarks that are not flattering to the wearers. In view of this the Association, at its Semi-Annual Meeting, in May last, passed the following Ordinance in reference to the matter:

Be it enacted by the Trustees of the Ocean Grove Camp-Meeting Association of the Methodist Episcopal Church: That bathing in a nude state or in improper bathing apparel, or passing through the streets to or from the bathing grounds without suitable covering, is hereby prohibited at all times within the limits of the jurisdiction of said Association, and any person offending against the provisions of this by-law shall, on conviction before any Justice of the Peace, Police Justice, or officer specially commissioned possessing the powers of Police Justices for this Corporation, be punished by a fine of two dollars (\$2), or by imprisonment in the County Jail for five days, to be imposed at the discretion of such Justice or officer aforesaid. Adopted May 14, 1879.

There is still room, however, notwithstanding all these regulations, for much improvement in this direction.

Having now called your attention to the material enlargements of the year, I notice a series of matters of the greatest importance in conducting an enterprise as extensive as this has grown to be. Prominent among these is the

### FIRE DEPARTMENT.

It is still cause for grateful mention that there has been no loss from fire upon these premises during the year. Still, we have continually felt the importance of better preparation to meet the destroyer in time of need. A public meeting of the people was therefore called, as far as they were here in the winter season. The whole matter was freely and fully discussed. The advantages and disadvantages of the different methods of extinguishing fires considered. Committees were appointed



and very thorough examination made. The result was the purchase by the Association, at a cost of about \$1000, of a good four-wheel truck, four ladders, fire-hooks, buckets, axes, and all the adjuncts of such an arrangement, four small fire extinguishers, and a large size four-wheel chemical engine. These, together with the old line suction engine, which in case of fire near the cisterns could be used with good effect, constitute our present fire equipments. We have also a fire company, officered and manned, which in case of fire will be promptly at their post and ready for work. Thus equipped, we think we are as well, if not better prepared for fire, as other populations of an equal size.

### WATER WAGONS.

Every year increases the demand for more extended arrangements for watering our Avenues, and every year our plans are maturer and more efficient. With the aid of the Steam Pump of Day Bros., we have drawn from the earth and thrown upon the Avenues for laying the dust, during the months of July and August, 1,300,000 gallons of water. This quantity has enabled the wagons to pass over a much greater surface, to do the work more thoroughly, and at a cost not much in advance of former years. It is quite evident, however, that our increase of population will soon require the addition of one or more wagons. Whether this work should be done by the Association without cost to the people, is a question that will need consideration. In most, if not all, of our towns and cities, I think such work is paid for by all those who enjoy its benefits.

### SANITARY CONDITION.

We have a regularly organized Board of Health, appointed by the Association, at its Annual or Semi-Annual Meetings. That nothing should be wanting to give efficiency to this important branch of our work, the Semi-Annual Meeting in May last, passed the following:

1st. Be it ordained by the Trustees of the Ocean Grove Camp Meeting Association of the Methodist Episcopal Church: That the Board of Health or any member of it, or any police officer, or special officer who may be designated or appointed by the Board of Administration of said Association, are hereby authorized to enter into and upon, and examine any house, out-house, privy, yard or premises within the limits of the premises of this Association, at any time for the purpose of examining the condition of the same in reference to its cleanliness or healthfulness.

2d. And be it ordained, That any owner or occupant of such house, out-house, privy, yard, or premises, who shall refuse or neglect to comply with the orders of the Board of Health respecting the removal of anything therefrom which they may deem detrimental



to health, for the space of twenty-four hours after being notified of such orders, shall on conviction before any Justice of the Peace, Police Justice, or officer specially commissioned, possessing the powers of Police Justices for this Corporation, be punished by a fine of ten dollars (10), or imprisonment in the County jail for ten days to be imposed at the discretion of such justice or officer aforesaid. Adopted May 14, 1879.

Under the sanction of this ordinance, the Board of Health employed a gentlemanly and intelligent officer, who, during the months of July and August, devoted his whole time to this one work. He entered every boarding-house, cottage, tent or other place, as often as necessary, in order to detect, and cause to be removed, whatever might be in any way offensive to the senses, or detrimental to health. In the prosecution of his work, he counseled, directed, or required as the case demanded. He caused 163 vaults to be cleaned, 52 to be put in order, 5 to be properly constructed, removed 87 neglected heaps of rubbish, visited the person having charge of removing garbage 26 times to secure more thorough attention to this work, had constant and careful oversight of the place where night soils were deposited, to see that all things were kept in proper condition. In addition to this, members of the Board of Health had daily interviews with him, to know how things were progressing, and then went repeatedly themselves to know that all was right. The result was that streets and side-walks were clean, cess-pools and vaults as free from objections as such places can be, and while we looked upon this state of things with feelings of satisfaction amounting almost, if not quite to pride, the remark was made in our hearing, scores of times, that the Sanitary condition of Ocean Grove, was better than ever before. And this was true. Whatever sickness there was, grew out of causes other than those belonging to, or growing out of the condition of things here. Pure air, pure water, good morals, and an inspired religion, with ordinary care, there is nothing here to induce disease, but everything to promote health, and to recuperate both soul and body.

The deaths occurring upon these grounds for the season of 1879, were as follows: July 28, Katy Restell, of Phila., aged 5 years and 2 months, Diphtheria. August 1, Alex. Thompson, Losell, Pa., aged 28, Congestion of the Lungs. Aug. 3, John Paul, of Phila., aged 8 years, Miasmas. Aug. 28, Ellen R. Keller, of Phila., aged 48, Cancer in the Stomach. Sept. 2nd, Peter B. Dillon, of St. Louis, aged 35, Heart Disease. Sept. 3d, Emma Gertrude Simms, Phila., aged 8 mos., Meningitis. Joseph Lake, Ocean Grove, aged 30, Consumption. Addison Purdy, Ocean Grove, aged 23, Consumption. Eight in all, several of which were chronic cases, and none of them to be attributed to causes existing here. On the 30th of July, Charles Pearsall, an excursionist from Westfield, N. J., went in to bathe, and though sick the night

before, ventured far out beyond the life lines, and the limits of all propriety, was seized with cramps, and drowned. This the first fatal accident that has occurred at this place in all the ten years of our history, being the day before our Anniversary, which is always looked to as a festive occasion, cast gloom and sadness over many hearts.

Perhaps nowhere in the land, with a population so vast as ours, during the hot and sickly months of summer, can a death-roll be found so small; and it must be borne in mind, too, that nearly, if not quite all who die among us, bring their diseases with them when they come. Let us thank God that the cases are so few, and continue to be more diligent than ever, to keep this place as it has been, a place of purity and health. It is well in this connection, to warn our people against quack physicians, some of whom gather here for a little summer gain. There are enough gentlemen here, both winter and summer, of the various schools of medicine, to meet all the needs of the place, whose skill is acknowledged, and whose characters are known. Let not the irresponsible in medicine or religion be countenanced or employed.



### DRAINAGE.

There is nothing, perhaps, about which persons who have but a superficial knowledge of this place talk more freely, and make more mistakes than on the question of drainage. They predict the ruin of our water, and that contagion at no distant day will desolate our beautiful heritage

by the sea. This may be so, for who but the divine One knows what is in the future? Still, it should be borne in mind that these things are no more likely to occur here than at thousands of other places, nor as likely, for there are few, if any places where the sanitary arrangements are as strict. Besides this, the persons who thus predict, are generally those who have scarcely spent a dime or invested a dollar upon these grounds. Is it not reasonable to suppose, too, that the many hundreds who have invested here, some of them very largely, are as intelligent, and so far as these grounds are concerned, by a residence of many summers, vastly more so, and, therefore, more profoundly interested in this grave question than those who are visitors merely for an hour or day, or perchance have never been here at all, but make up their shallow judgment from the vague and flippant utterances of prejudiced persons, who assume to know all, and yet in truth know nothing? I declare unhesitatingly and emphatically they are, and that they are watching this whole question with eagle eyes. Thus far in the history of Ocean Grove, every emergency as it rises has been squarely met: and it will be so here. Forecasting this matter, two years ago, application was made to the New Jersey legislature for power to construct sewerage through these grounds, and to assess the cost upon the owners of property. This application was granted. But, as sewerage is expensive, and not wholly free from objections, and as our population for all but about two months in the year is comparatively small, reasonable and thoughtful men believe there is another way, cheaper and equally safe. If cottage and lot owners will aid the Association in their sanitary work, there is no doubt that the place can be kept sweet and clean through the coming years. The large hotels, however, will have to arrange for sewerage, and should this finally become a general necessity, the successful experiment of Mr. Sheldon, this year, solves the whole question. Persons building cottages should be careful, for their own comfort, and the safety of all, to locate cess-pools as far from pumps as possible, and keep a record of the exact position with the pipes leading thereto, so that they may be easily found and repaired in time of need.

### ASSESSMENTS.

The amount of assessments upon each lot was fixed this year by the semi-annual meeting at five dollars. A few, and only a few, have demurred at this, thinking it too high, especially as some of the lots taxed were not specially benefited by public improvements. But as I have endeavored to show each year, I now repeat, that the amount, even at five dollars per lot, fails to meet the actual costs of a line of labor,

which reaches all, and for which they have no other way of paying. This appears by the following statement :

Cost of lighting those grounds this year . . . . .	\$1,256 00
“ removing garbage . . . . .	400 00
“ sprinkling streets (including steam-pumping) . . . . .	316 50
“ policing (13 men, 1062 days) . . . . .	1,784 00
“ sanitary officer, nearly 3 months . . . . .	152 00
Total . . . . .	<u>\$3,908 50</u>
Received on assessments this year . . . . .	\$4,314 62
Surplus this year over the above expenses . . . . .	806 12
Deficiency of three previous years . . . . .	1,281 09
Total deficiency for four years. . . . .	874 97

It will thus be seen that while we endeavor to keep these items of expense as low as possible, yet each year because of the increase of population, they necessarily enlarge, and while the assessments on lots advanced two dollars over those of last year, yet the assessment fund is still indebted to these several items of expense for the last four years of \$874 97. This is a handsome reduction, however, and another year at this rate will balance the account. These assessments, though thus advanced beyond the previous year, I am happy to say, have very generally been cheerfully paid ; and our lot holders may rest assured that in no case will they be advanced beyond actual necessities, and it will be a matter of real joy, if they can be made less or not levied at all.

## POLICE.

Every year the policing of these grounds becomes more important. The increasing thousands that gather here every summer, necessarily sweep over a much wider circuit, touching so many different classes, that great vigilance is required in keeping off the improper elements which this wide circuit carries with it, as the currents rush this way. A police force is not necessary for our own people, for they are all either directly Christian, or of such high moral type as to be a law unto themselves. But it is the unchristian and incoming lawlessness of the outside world against which we have to protect ourselves. To do this the more effectually, men are stationed, under the supervision of Major J. C. Patterson, Chief, at the entrance gates on the Turnpike, at the foot of and along each lake, and through the interior of the grounds. This arrangement not only saves our people from great annoyances, but secures to them many quiet and peaceful hours which otherwise would be

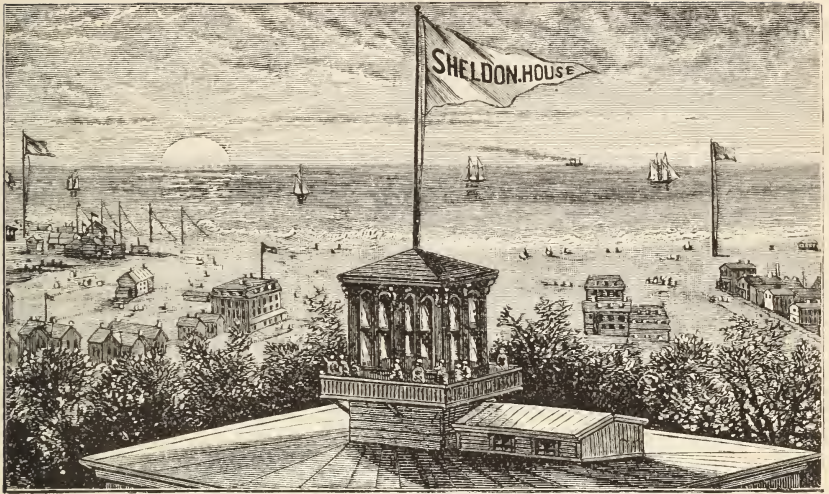


disturbed. The following statement will give some idea of the work performed by our men, and the vigilance required to keep the peace necessary to be maintained at a place like this. Although this statement shows a considerable amount of work done, yet everything in this line is conducted so quietly, that very few outside of the parties interested know of anything unusual going on :

Number of arrests . . . . .	20
Pack pedlers put off the ground . . . . .	73
"    prevented from entering . . . . .	147
Prize-package vendors put off . . . . .	17
"    "    prevented from entering . . . . .	13
Persons stopped with improper bathing apparel . . . . .	63
"    brought out of the water with improper suits . . . . .	86
Punch and Judy shows put off the grounds . . . . .	1
"    "    prevented from entering . . . . .	2
Circus tumblers put off the ground . . . . .	5
Rag-pickers put off the ground . . . . .	13
Organ-grinders put off the ground . . . . .	28
"    prevented from entering . . . . .	11
Intoxicated persons put off the ground . . . . .	7
"    "    prevented from entering . . . . .	44
Tramps put off the ground . . . . .	19
"    prevented from entering . . . . .	74
Scissors-grinders put off the ground . . . . .	3
"    prevented from entering . . . . .	6
Improper persons put off the ground. . . . .	12
Brass bands put off the ground . . . . .	2
"    prevented from entering . . . . .	2
Bird shows prevented from entering . . . . .	2
Bill distributors put off the ground . . . . .	2
Noisy straw riders put off the ground . . . . .	3
Lost children returned . . . . .	13
Put off the beach for improper conduct . . . . .	5
Complaints attended to . . . . .	81
Hacks stopped without license . . . . .	23
Fish and oyster pedlers without license stopped . . . . .	10
Religious frauds put off the ground . . . . .	2
Criminal warrants issued . . . . .	2
Prisoners taken to county jail . . . . .	2

This is the record, but a thousand things come under the supervision of our police, and are attended to by them, that have no name, and which we never know, only as it is gathered from the general prevalence of good order around us.

While on this subject of order, there is another matter to which I call attention. It is the government which is maintained in our large hotels



VIEW FROM TOP OF SHELDON HOUSE.

or boarding houses. Generally, if not universally, there is a disposition on the part of the proprietors to comply with the regulations of the place. Mr. Charles E. Howland, and Mr. W. E. Sheldon, and these gentlemen are named because they have the largest establishments upon the ground, have always shown a disposition to have their houses in the fullest accord with this Association. When the employment and daily performance of brass or other bands of music upon their premises was thought to be out of harmony with our work here, and sometimes interfering with our meetings, they both promptly and cheerfully discontinued the same, and in so doing we know gratified large numbers outside, as well as most of their own guests likewise, and at the same time, as we fully believe, promoted their financial interests also. While brass and other bands of music are all well enough in their places, and we do not speak of them as necessarily or in any sense improper, yet as the people who support this place come largely for its quiet, and as these things are not in our line of things, we earnestly hope their discontinuance will be perpetual.

I notice, too, that at two or three of the larger houses companies of gay young people, on several occasions during the season, in the absence of the proprietors, arranged themselves into dancing parties, and engaged for a few minutes in their favorite amusement. This, too, as soon as known, was firmly rebuked, and promptly suppressed. For these things all the proprietors have our thanks. The question is not raised here as to the propriety of dancing, we simply state that this place has been

organized and is perpetuated on a different basis, and those who wish to dance must go elsewhere.

Card playing was also discovered in a few places. This when found was always promptly stopped. One of our policemen in requiring a couple of young men to desist from this game, was met with the question indignantly proposed, "Don't this Association allow us to play cards upon their grounds?" The police respectfully answered, "No." "Well," continued the young men, still more indignant, "they are the narrowest-minded and most bigoted set of men we ever heard of." "That is your view from your stand point," said the policeman. "Now let me give you my view, from my stand point." "Well," said they, "go on." "I think," said he, "that instead of being narrow-minded or bigoted, that they are very liberal, for they have established this place on different principles, and for entirely different purposes, and they pass no law requiring you to come, and after you have come, if you do not like it, there is nothing to compel you to stay." So they parted. And this is the true view. If persons do not like our regulations, and can not be happy under them, we say it respectfully, it will be best for them and us, that they should not come, for our regulations must be maintained even at the sacrifice of the coming of many who now throng this place. On all these points, the Association is not only positive, but a unit. We do not take these positions to be arbitrary, but simply to be consistent with our professions as Christian men. Were we to do differently, we should be justly branded by the sober judgment of even a Christless world.

### HACKS, OMNIBUSES, &c.

The whole question of licenses for the different kinds of business coming to the Grove, has worked more pleasantly and successfully this year than last. The reduction of the price of license for certain branches of trade, especially truckers, has given satisfaction to our people. The experience of another year has shown, however, that some further modifications in the licensing of hacks from the different localities, will have to be made. As the regulations now stand, there are those who in order to avoid their obligations, take advantage of certain technicalities of the ordinance, thereby getting the same privilege for a much less sum than those who come up squarely and meet their responsibilities according to the letter of the law. With a little further revision, the whole question can, I think, be fully and satisfactorily met. The number of persons licensed, and the business pursued by each, is shown as follows:

Number of Omnibuses licensed . . . . .	11
“ Hacks “ . . . . .	70
“ Express Wagons . . . . .	3
“ Hucksters . . . . .	39
“ Butchers. . . . .	5
“ Fish and Oysters . . . . .	16
“ Baggage Wagons . . . . .	11
“ Foreign and Domestic Fruits . . . . .	4
“ Bakers, . . . . .	1
“ Grocers, . . . . .	9
“ Butter and Eggs . . . . .	4
“ Milk Wagons. . . . .	6
“ Candy . . . . .	2
Total. . . . .	181

It will be borne in mind, that the Bakers and Butchers of Ocean Grove and Asbury Park are allowed to run interchangeably between the two places without license, and that we have two large meat establishments upon our own grounds, as also a number of stores, all of which pay for their privileges in other ways, so that the licenses enumerated above, are simply those from without, and are very far from showing the number of persons who do business within our gates.

### RAIL ROADS.

The Rail Roads running to this place have done a larger amount of business than ever before. The amount of freight has been enormous. Thirteen men have been required at the Depot to manage the business there, and 32,000 pieces of baggage have been handled by them through the season. This however does not include that brought by the express companies, which it is judged would swell the number to 50,000 pieces.



SHELDON SUMMER HOUSE.



It is estimated that 300,000 persons came to the Grove by rail, and those entering our gates by private conveyance, were more by one-third than any previous year. Seventy-two excursions came to the Depot, and one day these special trains brought 8,000 persons. And yet, so far as we can learn, no person has been maimed or killed.

It is now clearly evident, that as the southern part of our grounds become more fully developed and occupied, in order to relieve the present depot, another will have to be established at about the head of Fletcher Lake.

The question of Sunday travel has, as you all well know, exercised our minds from the beginning. The sanctity of the Sabbath, is one of the fundamental principles upon which this place was founded. Numerous efforts, you are aware, too, have been made from time to time, to move us from our steadfastness at this point; and, I am happy to say, thus far without success. And so, my brethren, may it be written to the end of time. Entertaining these views, you will be interested in the following correspondence, which will explain itself. A correspondence, I might add, which in its beginning filled me with intensest anxiety, but which at the close, gave the profoundest satisfaction. It is here placed upon record, in order that both parties may stand in their true light, and occupy their true position in the public mind:

OFFICE OF C. R. R. CO. OF N. J.,  
NEW YORK, July 16, 1879.

D. H. BROWN, Esq.,

*Dear Sir,*—Some of the patrons of our road at Sea-Girt, Spring Lake, and Ocean Beach, say that it would be a great convenience to them to have a few cheap excursion-trains on Sunday between Long Branch and Sea-Girt, at such hours as would enable them to attend church at Asbury Park, Elberon, and Long Branch. What do you and your people think of it?

Yours truly,

A. RECKLESS, *Prest.*

OCEAN GROVE, N. J., July 20, 1879, 10.45 P. M.

A. RECKLESS, Esq.,

*Dear Sir,*—D. H. Brown, Esq., to whom your letter of the 16th inst., concerning Sunday trains was addressed, who has been absent for the last ten days, did not reach home until last evening, and did not find it convenient to show me your letter until after service to-night. I need hardly say, that its contents were a great surprise, and in view of the repeated pledges made by your company that no Sunday trains would be run to this place during your administration, a profound grief. I must also say, that if this proposition is seriously entertained by you, we shall feel compelled immediately to convene our Association in special session, to consider the propriety of abandoning our camp-meeting, as we cannot, and will not under any circumstances or conditions that can be named, consent directly or remotely to be involved in the desecration of the Sabbath-day. The day that Sunday trains commence to run to this place, will be the

beginning of the end of the prosperity which has so wonderfully attended us, because we have revered this holy day. That which interferes with us interferes with you. The gentlemen who originated and are perpetuating this institution are a unit on this question, and will abandon the place rather than desert the principle.

Very truly and respectfully yours,

E. H. STOKES, *Pres't.*

The following was telegraphed in reply :

CENTRAL R. R. CO. OF N. J.,  
NEW YORK, July 22, 1879.

REV. E. H. STOKES, D. D., *Pres't Ocean Grove :*

Your letter, owing to my absence, was not received until this moment. *We shall run no Sunday trains to Ocean Grove.* I expect to stand by you in the future as I have done in the past. I regret that my letter, informing you that a request had been made by some boarders at Spring Lake and Sea Girt, for a train to take such persons from these places as desired to attend church to Ocean Grove and Long Branch, on Sunday mornings, returning after services, should have given you so much anxiety. The request was made to the "Receiver," and he desired me to inform you of it. I gave no intimation that such train would be run, as I supposed you would not favor it. It seemed but fair, however, that it should be communicated to you. I will write to Mr. Brown.

A. RECKLESS.

HON. A. RECKLESS :

OCEAN GROVE, N. J., July 23, 1879.

*Dear Sir,*—Your telegram of yesterday came to my hands last evening. Its declarations and assurances are a great relief and satisfaction to us all. It is the high moral tone of this place that has secured its unparalleled success. If this tone is leveled down to an ordinary plane, and it becomes simply a summer resort of a type like most of others, its chief attraction will be gone, and the uncounted thousands which have been drawn here because of these attractions, ceasing to feel assured of such moral protection as the past has given, will be scattered, or drawn to other places less likely to be interrupted by the frivolities of a costly so-called fashionable life, and so the gain that might possibly accrue to you by the running of Sunday trains would be lost by the diminished week-day travel, as it is quite clear, if Sunday trains were run our present arrangements for summer meetings, which draw the people from all parts of our extended Union, would cease at once.

Thanking you for the prompt and positive manner in which you have met and answered the question, I have to assure you that the bond of interest which has heretofore existed between your company and this Association, is hereby strengthened an hundredfold.

Very truly,

E. H. STOKES,  
*Pres't O. G. C.-M. A. M. E. C.*

It is proper to say, too, that this correspondence is thus made public with the knowledge and consent of the parties concerned.

### ELIM COTTAGE.

This interesting place, still forms an Elim rest for many a minister worn and weary in his Master's work. More than one hundred from the

various States and Canada, representing nearly or quite all the evangelical denominations, have at small cost, been pleasantly entertained within its walls this year. It is a place of simple home comforts, and those who have enjoyed its hospitalities, express themselves well pleased with its quiet, neatness and order. This interest deserves well at the hands of its friends, and with more means a better work could be accomplished. The Ladies' Aid Society of Ocean Grove, which has it in charge, is worthy of all commendation for its disinterested benevolence, in providing at so small a cost, entertainments for a class of most worthy persons, who but for something of this kind could not enjoy the benefits of this sea-side rest at all. Mrs. Annie Cookman, President, Mrs. Joseph H. Thornley, Treasurer, both of Philada., or any of the managers will be pleased to receive contributions to aid them in their work.

### ANNUAL REPORT, PAPERS, ETC.

In November last, as ordered by the Association at its annual meeting, 2,000 copies of the President's Ninth Annual Report were printed, under the general title of "Service by the Sea," at a cost of \$112. These reports are illustrated with numerous well-executed wood engravings, and thus perform the double work of stating the points of our history, and at the same time giving to the mind through the eye a fuller idea of our shape and form. Copies of these are sent to each lot holder free of charge, and it is earnestly hoped that each one will cheerfully study the facts which they contain, so as to have an intelligent appreciation of matters which so deeply concern them all.

Also, as is our custom, in May last, we published No. 10 of our "Ocean Grove Annual," for gratuitous distribution. This Annual, which is printed on good tinted paper, with numerous pictorial illustrations, gives information on most of the important matters which a stranger desires to know, including map of the ground, tent rates, rules and regulations, together with matters of general interest, is eagerly sought after, and scattered far and wide by persons who obtain them here, and send them to their friends at home.

The "Ocean Grove Record" continues to be published as for several years past, and I think with increasing patronage. It deserves to be well sustained, not only because it contains matters of importance to all interested in Ocean Grove, but also for its real merits as a religious journal. With a larger circulation it might be still more influential in its work, and wider in its sphere for good.

Newspaper correspondents continue to be almost without number. Most of these are fair, and some of them highly flattering, still, there is enough adverse criticism, to remind us that we are not yet perfect, or

beyond the need of constant help from God. Altogether, though sometimes greatly annoyed with what seems like wilful misstatements of the public press, we have great cause of thankfulness, in view of our anomalous position, that we are dealt with so kindly, and are so greatly aided by the secular press.

### POST-OFFICE.

I said in my report last year, "that the need of more extended accommodations in Post-office building continues to be a felt want at this place." This was true when uttered a year ago, and the want is still greater now. I believe the time has come when the Post-office and the Association office should occupy separate places. This corner is so much crowded at mail times, that the passages along the narrow side-walks of Pilgrim Pathway, are not sufficient for travel without sometimes going into the street. The old building should be removed from the corner, the side-walk along the park widened to ten or twelve feet, Matlack's Bakery, and all the buildings up to Pitman Avenue, thrown back, so as to give a free passage to the thousands who throng this way to the auditorium to attend the meetings there.

Letters and Postals sent from this Office this year, . . . . .	126,869
" " received, about . . . . .	150,000

### TELEGRAMS.

No. of Telegrams sent from this office this year, . . . . .	4,242
" " received at this office this year, . . . . .	4,400

### RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES.

Received from all sources for the year ending Oct. 1st, 1879, including cash balance of September 1st, 1878 . . . . .	\$50,563 01
Expenditures, including payments on Bonds, Mortgages, lands and for all other purposes . . . . .	50,079 15
Balance on hand Oct. 1st, 1879 . . . . .	\$ 483 86

### ASSETS.

Inventory including Association buildings, Tools, Tents, &c., &c . . . . .	\$41,208 00
Mortgages, Bonds and Book Accounts . . . . .	24,015 51
Total . . . . .	\$65,223 51

### LIABILITIES.

Of all descriptions . . . . .	20,108 44
Excess in favor of the Association over all liabilities, not estimating the value of unsold lands . . . . .	\$45,115 07

The decrease of this excess as compared with last year, grows out of the fact, that the inventory, parts of which were made out several years ago, on the basis of the high prices then paid, has been revised and reduced, some \$20,000, to bring it down to present valuations.



It will be a matter of satisfaction for you to know in this connection, that during the year \$2,000 have been paid on the land known as the Brown tract, lying on both sides of Fletcher Lake, the Magill tract, purchased at a cost of \$3,962, the Godfrey mortgage of \$5,500, canceled, and since October 1st, the last payment, \$1,750, has been made on the Annie Watts mortgage.

And while all those obligations have been met, it must also be kept in mind that permanent extra work has been done and paid for on the Wesley Lake front and on the avenues between Asbury avenue and the Lake, and also grading and claying the avenues, etc., amounting to little, if any, short of \$7,000. The resignation of Rev. H. B. Beagle as superintendent took effect on the 1st of January last, since which time the affairs of the office have been conducted in an intelligent, conscientious, and satisfactory manner by George W. Evans, secretary of the Ocean Grove Camp-meeting Association.

### **Increase of Valuations in the last Ten Years.**

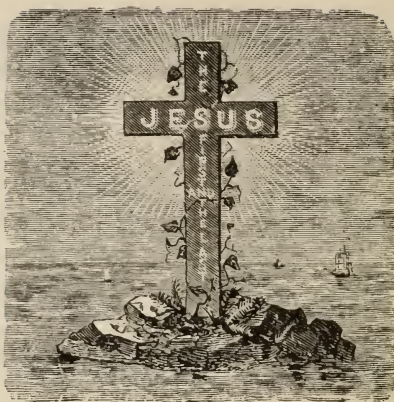
As we have reached the conclusion of our first ten years along the sea, I have felt desirous to know the exact facts and figures of to-day, as compared with ten years ago. I have felt the more desirous to reach such a result, because it is well known, that hitherto, to a great extent, the world has looked upon the Church with a degree of indifference amounting almost to scorn, as to its bearing upon the financial interests of men. It is a well-known fact, too, that ten years ago, the region of country we now occupy, as well as that for miles around us, was an utter desolation. Business men, merchants, and speculators had been here, but if they ever entertained a thought of accomplishing anything in the way of business or improvements, that thought died and was buried in their own breasts. Here the sun shone, the waves moaned, the winds blew, and the storms had beaten for unrecorded ages. At last a minister came, under the inspirations of our holy religion. He gathered a few other ministers of like mind around him, and a few obscure laymen of the vicinity, and the names of some others, distant, yet better known. They purchased, prayed, and went to work—went to work at this place and called it Ocean Grove. It had no name before. It was not worth a name. What is the result? At the expiration of ten years, there are six or seven miles of almost continuous towns along the beach, all of which towns have received their birth or inspiration from this place. With considerable effort, I have gained from official records, the assessed valuation of the property in 1869, now occupied by Ocean Grove, Asbury Park, Ocean Park, Ocean Beach, Spring Lake, and part of Sea-Girt. By adding these

assessed values together, we have the sum of \$23,500. Add one-third to this assessed value, and we have a total of \$31,300, as the *real* value of the property named ten years ago. The *real* value of the same property in 1879, with the improvements, as gathered from the assessor's books, with one-third added, is \$3,097,962, an advance in ten years of 1,000 per cent., and this, too, running through a period of financial depression, unparalleled in the history of our country, when property in almost, if not quite every other locality, has depreciated from twenty-five to fifty per cent. We point to these facts with grateful emotions, and attribute it all, under God, to the influence of the Church of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Allow worldliness, sin, and rum to rule, and it will soon go back to a condition worse than its original desolation.

I have thus referred to the material phases of our place. It has attained this marvellous growth, and is now practically out of debt, with all its vast accumulations and a large amount of unsold property, under the administration of an association of men, all of whom had other and weighty responsibilities outside of and beyond this work, and yet they have devoted themselves to this interest with conscientious integrity, and with such unselfishness of zeal, and high benevolence of purpose, as I have not known equalled. They have toiled at unseemly hours; they have traveled in this work many thousand miles; they have inconvenienced themselves in countless ways; they have met and overcome herculean difficulties; they have been villified and misrepresented; yet they have done all for the long period of ten years, without reward, and with such cheerfulness of spirit and holy enthusiasm of soul, as reaches quite to the heroism of the earlier days. They have felt in all that they were doing work for God, and were more than satisfied. To-day, their highest joy is that Ocean Grove is a sublime success.

It is still the high, holy, and will be the constant aim of this Association, if unmolested in the future as in the past, to devote its energies and all the proceeds of this enterprise to maintain a place where those who would spend a few days or weeks at the sea shore, can do so at moderate cost, and to maintain for the members and friends of the Methodist Episcopal Church, a proper, convenient, and desirable Camp-Meeting ground, and Christian sea-side resort, free from the temptations and dissipations usually attendant upon fashionable watering places. This was our original declaration, and this we propose in good faith to carry out unto the end.





See the Cross! Before it bending,  
Joys of pardon sweetly roll;  
Blessed Cross, whose peace unending,  
Flows in silence through the soul.  
Love divine; O holy Saviour,  
Never more like Thine will be,  
More than Oceans wide Thy favour,  
O what bliss to rest in Thee!

### RELIGIOUS WORK.

Religion is the central thought at Ocean Grove. Many other things right and proper are, and ought to be, but all are subservient to this. There is always at every place a ruling element. Whatever antagonizes that element produces discord, and sooner or later must break or be broken. A great religious interest such as is maintained and carried on here, could not be conducted, and I am free to say, would not be attempted by this association, unless the civil government and the direction of its religious affairs remains a unit. The least want of harmony between the two, would prove injurious, if not disastrous to both. Blended, they work harmoniously and profitably together. If at any time these governments should be divorced, the religious services, as a natural result, would cease to be.

The season just closed, has been one of great religious interest, and profit. The only thing otherwise was the sly incoming of a few wild, fanatical and irresponsible persons, who seeking to be heard in our meetings, and failing here, obtained in a private cottage or two, small audiences, where erratic in doctrine and unreliable in character, they essayed to teach such as would listen to them. We warn our people against all such, and counsel them, while upon these grounds, to turn away from

all meetings, excepting those held at the regular places, and in the authorized way. The first service of the year, held in the tabernacle, June 15th, was conducted by the president, who preached from the Song of Solomon, 4: 16. The divine presence which was among the people that day continued until the final service, Sabbath, October 12th, a period of four months.

#### FOURTH OF JULY.

According to an established custom at this place, Friday, July 4, was duly celebrated, as the one hundred and third Anniversary of American Independence. Bells were rung at sunrise, and a national salute fired at noon. Patriotic services were held at the Auditorium, commencing at 10.30 A. M. The singing was conducted by a choir of ladies and gentlemen, under the direction of W. Dey, Esq., who has aided us in this work for several years. Rev. G. K. Morris, A. M., of Mount Holly, offered prayer, and the Declaration of Independence was beautifully read by Rev. Dr. Alday of Ocean Grove. Rev. J. G. Crate, A. M., of New Egypt, N. J., gave a fine oration, on "The Elements of National Success."

The whole service, which was well attended, gave high satisfaction and delight. The entire day passed off with the utmost quiet. No drunkenness, no disorder, no fire-crackers, except along the beach, where the children were allowed to use them, while nothing marred the peace or restrained the joy of the occasion.

#### SUMMER SABBATH-SCHOOL.

The Auditorium was opened this year for Divine Service, on Sabbath, July 6, with an excellent sermon from Dr. Kynett. In the afternoon, the Ocean Grove Summer Sabbath-school was reorganized. Joseph H. Thornley, Esq., of Philadelphia, who has been Superintendent from the beginning, took charge, and conducted the opening services. Brief addresses were delivered by the Superintendent, Marvin E. Clark, G. W. Evans and others, after which the regular exercises commenced with the Infant Department in the Young People's Temple, Dr. Hanlon's Bible Class in the Tabernacle, and the middle division in the Auditorium. The International Lesson Leaves were used, and a vast amount of work for the Master done through the summer months. There were 912 present at the opening services, and the number continued to increase until it reached nearly 2200. After two Sabbaths it was found necessary for want of room, to remove the Infant Department from the Young People's Temple to the Tabernacle, and to place Dr. Hanlon's Bible Class in the



Young People's Temple. This produced temporary confusion, as the Temple was as much too small for the Bible Class as for the Infant School. The only way out of this difficulty for the future, seems to be, either to enlarge the Temple, or erect another building opposite to it, on the north side of Ocean Pathway, east of Pilgrim Pathway. There were ten sessions of the School, with a total attendance of 15,189, an average of over 1,500 for each Session, and the grand total would have been much larger but for two very rainy Sabbaths, and one excessively warm. All seem grateful for the privileges of this School, and the influences following it, we are sure, will be blessed for ever.

### **New Jersey State Sabbath-School Assembly.**

The New Jersey State Sabbath-School Assembly, embracing all the evangelical denominations, held a second session at this place this year. It commenced at 8 o'clock on Saturday afternoon, July 12, under the general direction of Professor Sherwin, with a specially unctious fellowship meeting in the Tabernacle, and the holiest influence rested upon every session to the last, which was on Saturday morning, July 19. The Rev. James McCosh, D. D., LL.D., President of Princeton College, Rev. Dr. Fowler, Editor of *Christian Advocate*, N. Y., Rev. Dr. Simms, of Brooklyn, Rev. H. W. Warren, D. D., of Philada., Dr. Lyman Abbott, Rev. Dr. Henson, of Philada., Rev. Dr. Freeman, Rev. G. K. Morris, A. M., Rev. Jesse L. Hulbert, and a large number of other distinguished workers participated in the exercises, and rendered most valuable aid. The musical department was ably conducted by Professor Fischer of Philada. The Assembly was a success from beginning to end, and in every sense. Great praise is due to those who conducted it, and we were especially gratified that, in all its parts, it was in fullest sympathy and accord with all our work here.

### **Women's National Christian Temperance Union.**

This meeting commenced on Tuesday morning, July 22d, and continued until Thursday evening, July 24th. Mrs. Annie Wittenmyer presided. She was ably assisted in the exercises by Mrs. Lathrop, of Michigan, Mrs. Youmans, of Canada, and a number of other ladies of distinction. The services throughout, which were of a high religious tone, produced a very decided influence for good, and the closing address of Mrs. Lathrop, on Thursday night, will long be remembered as one of the most overwhelmingly impressive to which that vast audience had ever listened. Among the various meetings held here during the summer months, few, if any, were more important than these devoted to the cause of Temperance, conducted by those eminent and devoted women of God.

## ANNIVERSARY DAY.

Thursday, July 31, was the tenth anniversary of our first little religious meeting, held in Bro. Thornley's tent at Ocean Grove, July 31, 1869. The platform was modestly, but tastefully trimmed for the occasion, by W. H. Stokes, with a banner in the centre containing the figures 1869-1879, and the word "Welcome" in large letters. The services commenced at the auditorium, at 10.30 A. M. Dr. Kynett, offered prayer, and Bishop Simpson preached eloquently and impressively from Isa. 6: 3, "And cried one to another, Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts, the whole earth is full of his glory." The sermon, which was peculiarly adapted to the occasion, was listened to with wrapt attention by a vast congregation. At 2.30 P. M. the young people's exercises commenced, consisting of singing, prayer, reading the Scriptures, recitations, and addresses by T. C. Wilson, of Hamilton, N. J.; A. W. Harris, of Asbury Park, N. J.; Frank W. Knowles, Orange, N. J.; Paul Woolston, Ocean Grove, N. J.; Elbert W. Osborn, Pennington, N. J.; Carrie McGuire, Trenton, N. J.; Professor Williams, of Trenton, N. J.; and Chancellor Runyon, of Newark, N. J. Charles Vaughn, of Philadelphia, gave a cornet solo, and besides the choir, led by W. Dey, Esq., the "Lake Side" glee, and Mrs. Rev. W. P. Corbit sung several pieces. At the close of the exercises at the auditorium, the audience proceeded to the Young People's Temple, which was handsomely decorated with flowers, and was formally dedicated by the President to the use of the young people of Ocean Grove, for the worship of Almighty God, according to the doctrines and usages of the Methodist Episcopal Church. When this was over, the two vases, in the Parks north and south of Ocean pathway, west of Central avenue, were unveiled before the public, filled with flowers. They each bear the figures 1869-1879, and commemorate the first ten years of our residence by the sea. Then, as a proper expression of our feelings at the expiration of this first decade, one bears the name of "GRACE," as all comes from God; and in order to express our heartfelt thanks to Him, the other has inscribed upon it simply, "GRATITUDE." In the evening, a large and enthusiastic prayer-meeting was held, which closed the tenth, and I think, generally acknowledged to be, the best anniversary we had ever held.

Ten years of faith, ten years of hope,  
 Ten years of stern employ;  
 Ten years so kindly owned of God  
 Fill all our hearts with joy.

Ten years! let every spirit bend  
 In worship pure and good,  
 While hearts with love to God o'erflow,  
 And melt with gratitude.

### SIX DAYS' BIBLE READING.

This was a new service upon our grounds. Rev. Dr. Steele, the scholarly author of "Love Enthroned," had been engaged to take the leading part, and high expectations were awakened in view of hearing expositions of the word of God from one so eminent and devout. But in this we were disappointed. Prostrated by over-work, he was advised to take a European tour, so that at the time of our meeting, he was far away. But God was with us in a marked degree, from first to last. As His blessed word was honored, He honored us, and divine Baptisms came on all. The singing was led by Professor Sweeny. Rev. B. M. Adams, of this association, took the place of Dr. Steele, and nobly filled it. He was assisted by Dr. Hanlon, of the New Jersey Conference, and Mrs. H. W. Smith, of Philadelphia, both of whom did excellent service. The meeting commenced on Tuesday morning, August 5th, and closed on Sabbath evening, August 10th, with a sermon by Bro. Adams, on "Stalwart Christianity." The interest was a perpetually rising tide, from the beginning to the last Amen, and was an appropriate prelude to the great Camp Meeting soon to follow. Thousands will praise God to all eternity for these six days of Bible Reading at Ocean Grove.

### WOMEN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY DAY.

Sabbath, August 17, was set apart as the Women's Foreign Missionary Day. The morning sermon was preached by Rev. C. D. Foss, D. D., President of Wesleyan University, Middletown, Conn. It was a masterly exposition of the text: "Give, and it shall be given you," Luke 6: 38, and an argument on the reflex benefits and blessings of the missionary work. At its close, the vast audience remained while the collection was taken, which amounted to \$218.69. In the afternoon the anniversary proper was held, when the annual report was read by Mrs. Rev. J. H. Knowles, Secretary, and addresses delivered by Mrs. Rev. H. Wheeler, of Columbia, Pa., and Mrs. Skidmore, of New York. On Monday morning a Missionary Love Feast was held in the Tabernacle, at which a blessed religious influence was felt by all. As a result of the whole, the sum of \$577.19 was realized, the largest sum ever collected, and the whole anniversary the best the Society had ever held.

### ANNUAL CAMP MEETING.

The Annual Camp Meeting was to have commenced this year on Monday evening, August 18. But, on the afternoon of that day, a storm of wind and rain set in, so severe in character and so protracted in duration, as to render it impossible for the the people to gather for ser-



vice, or for those in charge to do more than look after the comfort and safety of those around them. On Tuesday morning, however, the sky was clear and the sun shone with unwonted splendor. The effect of the storm soon passed away, and all were jubilant and ready for the work. At 10.30 A. M., a vast congregation assembled. The Buell family, assisted by Professor Sweeny, were in their places to conduct the singing. A hundred ministers or more were on the platform, and Bishop Harris preached the opening sermon from Isaiah 63: 1, "Who is this that cometh from Edom?" The sermon was a beautiful golden gateway to a magnificent temple, built of a series of the grandest sermons to which we have ever listened—sermons massive in strength, beautiful in diction, unctious in power, and wonderfully fruitful in blessings to many thousand souls. After such services and such results, we might almost say with the venerable and venerated Simeon: "Now, Lord, lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, for mine eyes have seen thy salvation."

In the afternoon, following the sermon of Bishop Harris, the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, with which the meeting was to have opened on Monday night, was administered, and not only greatly enjoyed, but seemed to be a fuller consecration for the days, and gracious work to follow. Not only was the Spirit of God generally present in all the



services, and on all the congregations at the auditorium, but also in the other meetings between the public services. The meetings of Dr. and Mrs. Palmer, which commenced on Sabbath morning, July 20, and held daily from that time, and through the Camp-Meeting, up to Sabbath, September 14, a period of nearly two months, were greatly helpful to a very large number of persons, who fail to be reached in meetings of a more public character, and many were led to God as never before. The early morning meetings, led by Bro. Andrews, were well attended, and prepared the people for better work during the day, The Young People's Meetings, which commenced on the morning of August 1, immediately after the dedication of their new Temple, under the general direction of Mrs. E. C. Brooks, of Baltimore, but often under the immediate leadership of Bro's. Frank Cookman, Dr. Johnson, Albert Mann and others, were the most satisfactory of any previous year. Better attended, they were more spiritual, direct, positive and largely more remunerative in rich religious results. Their written report shows, "eight conversions, sixteen asked for prayers, fifty-six signed the covenant to devote their lives to Jesus, and one hundred more expressed their desire to do so." The meetings of Mrs. Lizzie Smith, in the Tabernacle; the twilight meetings of Bro. Adams; the experience meetings of Bro. Purdy; the meetings held by Bro. Westwood, at the auditorium, at 9 o'clock each morning; the children's meetings in charge of Bro. Evans, Mrs. Nobles and Mrs. Adams, in the Young People's Temple, were all attended with very marked and special manifestations of divine power, and large in direct religious results. The meeting closed on Thursday morning, August 28th, at which time, ten children, the same number as last year, were solemnly dedicated to God in holy baptism; after which, the sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered by 83 ministers, to sixteen hundred people. One table, during this holy service, was filled with children, thirty-five or forty in number, a part of those which had professed conversion in the children's meeting, who amid the tears and prayers of all the congregation, thoughtful, and with solemn reverence, received the emblems of their Saviour's death. When the sacrament was over, the ministers proceeded to march around the auditorium square, followed by as large a number of the congregation as could find room to walk. Then gathering at the stand again, hands were shaken, tears were shed, songs were sung, and so amid a gush of hallelujahs, and hearty "God bless you," falling from a thousand lips, the bell tolled three times, and in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, the Ocean Grove Camp-meeting for 1879, was declared at an end. But, notwithstanding the camp-meeting closed, a series of meetings followed, peculiarly rich and interesting in character, in which many more

were saved, continued up to Sabbath evening, October 12th, being a period of just four months from the commencement, in the month of June.

### RECAPITULATION.

I have thus named the meetings and the period of time they occupied. It will always be borne in mind too, that the times between these special services, are filled up with religious exercises of some kind every day.

A careful analysis of these services shows the following: Sermons Preached 71; Addresses 61; Prayer, Experience and Holiness Meetings 135; Meetings in Connection with State Sabbath-school Assembly 22; Women's Temperance Prayer Meetings 12; Family Worship at the Auditorium 37; Young People's Meetings 35; Children's Meetings 18; Bible Readings 16; Prayer, Praise and Vesper Meetings 15; Consecration Meetings 14; Sabbath-school Sessions 10; Twilight Meetings 9; Surf Meetings 6; Sacraments 3; Temperance Workers 4; Love Feasts 2; Foreign Mission Anniversaries 1; Stereopticon 1; 472 in all—but to all which are to be added, an amount of work in exhortation, song and prayer, that no statistics can define, or words express.

The definite results of all this can never be known. The minds convinced—the hearts awakened—the desires quickened—the sinners converted, the believers sanctified—amounting as is known to between five and six hundred—the heavens bowed, the earth lifted, until both were blended, and with John “we saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband, and heard a great voice out of heaven,—saying, Behold! the tabernacle of God is with men.” Then too, after the sermon of Rev. B. M. Adams on Saturday night, August 23d, when over one thousand persons stood up to declare the fact that they had at that time received anew, as they did on the day of Pentecost, the fiery baptism; and on Wednesday morning, August 27th, after the sermon of Rev. J. S. Inskip, when twenty-five hundred people gladly attested of their quickened faith in Jesus—all felt like saying, “We give thee thanks, O Lord God Almighty, which art, and wast, and is to come, because thou hast taken to thee thy great power and hast reigned.”

Thus we come to the close of our first decade by the Sea. In these ten years, we have had some trials, but far more triumphs—deep sorrows, but higher joys—so that now from this blessed mount of conquest, whereon, we count ten years of blessed work accomplished for our Lord, in the presence of our divine Master, with joyful spirits, and an unconquered faith, and in view of the constant help, which the unseen one has granted us, with hearts overflowing with the effulgence of eternal anticipations,

and yet, in view of our own weakness, with subdued souls, we reverently exclaim—

“ This, this is the God we adore,  
Our faithful, unchangeable friend,  
Whose love is as great as his power,  
And neither knows measure nor end.  
'Tis Jesus, the first and the last,  
Whose Spirit shall guide us safe home,  
We'll praise him for all that is past,  
And trust him for all that's to come.”

And now, brethren, with these narrations of the temporal and spiritual results of the year before us, I again, as aforetime, with devout thanksgiving, commend you,—your souls and your bodies, with your families and all the interests of this great enterprise to God, to whom, and His adorable Son, with the ever-blessed and divine Spirit, be glory, both now and forever, world without end. Amen.

Yours in the work of Jesus,

E. H. STOKES, *President.*

OCEAN GROVE, *October, 1879.*



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## In Memoriam.

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ALFRED COOKMAN.  
RULIF V. LAWRENCE.  
GEORGE FRANKLIN.  
JOHN H. STOCKTON.

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They sought for rest, and found it by the sea,  
Where proud ships sail, and winds so grandly sweep;  
Where glassy lakes lie slumbering on the lee,  
And dim old forests cast their shadows deep;  
Here oft they sat, and with their friends conversed,  
And prayed, and sung of Jesus' precious blood—  
Here many a time the story they rehearsed,  
Then sweetly passed in triumph up to God.

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## IMPORTANT INFORMATION.

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**Beautiful Lots.**—We are often asked, “Have you any more lots to sell?” It may be a matter of surprise to most, when we say that we have by actual count *three hundred and fifty-nine lots yet unsold*, many of which are *equal to any upon our grounds* and *all of which lie in what we call the old grounds*, between Wesley Lake, on the north, and Clark Avenue, which is but two avenues south of Broadway. Some of these are on Wesley Lake, some near the sea, and over fifty lie between Pilgrim Pathway and Central Avenue, only two minutes’ walk from the post-office, and but three or four from the auditorium. These lots will be sold at reasonable prices, and in view of the large and expensive improvements being made, and consequent need of money, at such liberal discounts for cash as make it *an object to purchase now*.

Additional lots on the new ground south of Clark Avenue, will be on the market soon.

**Sanitary.**—The healthfulness of the locality needs no better evidence than the utterly careless manner in which the people violate the ordinary rules of hygiene and moderation. They apparel themselves with little or no regard to the health rules which they deem essential at home, and eat, drink and sleep in about the same way.

Still, there is little or no sickness here; and there must be a wonderful sanitary power in the woods and waves to induce the uninterrupted health which usually reigns at this place. The water, which is of the purest character, is obtained by means of tube pumps, driven twenty or thirty feet through the clay and gravel, and is inexhaustible.

**Protection to Health.**—Do not in any case allow the vaults of your water closets to remain in a leaky condition. Your own, as well as your neighbor’s safety, requires that you give special attention in this direction. For the promotion of the comfort and health of your family, use disinfectants daily. Carbolic acid, copperas, chloride of lime, and dry muck, are all effectual. Those who prefer the dry muck can obtain the same of Capt. Lewis Rainear, tent master, on the grounds. Do not fail to use one or the other of these articles.

**Restrictions.**—The restrictions adopted by the Ocean Grove Association are simply designed for mutual protection. Those who violate a rule for what may seem to their advantage to-day, may have a similar rule violated to-morrow by others which will prove to their great disadvantage. Adherence to the old gospel precept, “All things whatsoever ye would that men should do unto you, do ye even so unto them,” is all we ask in regard to our regulations here.

**Lot Owners.**—Owners of lots at Ocean Grove are particularly requested to inform the Secretary whenever a sale is effected, and direct a transfer of the lot on the books of the Association; and the attention of lot owners is particularly called to the following resolution passed by the Executive Committee: *Resolved*, That no transfer of a lot be approved by the President, except on proper receipt of assurance that all dues thereon are paid.

**Register.**—All visitors are earnestly requested to call at the office and register their names in a large book provided for the purpose. Telegrams are often sent to persons who are strangers upon the grounds, and we have no possible clue to them, unless it be through the register at the office.

**Important.**—All persons proposing to erect cottages or other buildings at Ocean Grove, are required to consult the Association in regard to dividing lines, plan of buildings, etc.

BY-LAWS  
OF THE  
OCEAN GROVE CAMP-MEETING ASSOCIATION  
OF THE  
METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

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Amended and Approved October 9th, 1878.

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ARTICLE I.—NAME.

This Corporation shall be called The Ocean Grove Camp Meeting Association of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

ARTICLE II.—OBJECTS.

The objects of this Association shall be to provide for the holding of Camp-Meetings for the promotion of Christian holiness, rigidly excluding all forms of speculation; and to afford to those who would spend a few days or weeks at the sea-shore, an opportunity of doing so, at moderate cost, and free from the temptations to dissipation usually attendant on fashionable watering places.

ARTICLE III.—MEMBERS.

This Association shall be composed of those named in the Act of Incorporation, and their successors and associates when duly elected. They shall be members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, in good and regular standing. Any one dying, or ceasing to be a member of the M. E. Church, or lot-holder in the Association for thirty days, or not being such at any Annual Meeting, or being guilty of conduct incompatible with the objects and purposes of the Association, his membership shall thereby become void, and one shall be elected in his stead by a two-thirds vote of the Association present at any regular meeting.

ARTICLE IV.—OFFICERS.

*Section 1.* The Association, at its Annual Meeting, shall elect by ballot, a President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and five members, who

together shall constitute an Executive Committee, having full power to act during the interim of the regular meetings, and shall hold their offices for one year, and until successors are duly elected. All the vacancies in the Executive Committee occurring by death, resignation or otherwise, shall be filled by the remaining members. Four members shall constitute a quorum.

*Section 2.* The President shall preside at all meetings of the Association and Executive Committee, sign all orders on the Treasurer, and present at the Annual Meetings a full report of the operations of the year. In the absence of the President, the Vice-President shall perform his duties.

*Section 3.* The Secretary shall keep a record of the proceedings of the Association and Executive Committee, in books provided for the purpose, give due notice of the meetings, countersign the orders on the Treasurer given by the President, and perform such other duties as may from time to time be required.

*Section 4.* The Treasurer shall have charge of all the funds of the Association, and shall disburse the same only on the order of the President, countersigned by the Secretary, after a vote in favor thereof, by said Association or Executive Committee. He shall make a detailed written report at the Annual Meetings, or oftener if required by the Executive Committee. He shall give Bonds with security when required.

*Section 5.* The Executive Committee shall have the oversight of the affairs of the Association in the interim of its regular meetings, executing the orders of the Association; but shall not purchase, sell or mortgage lands, nor contract indebtedness not authorized, exceeding the sum of one thousand dollars, without the concurrence of two-thirds of the Association present at a regular or called meeting. They shall meet, if practicable, monthly; and due notice shall be given by the Secretary to each member. All bills and orders for the disbursement of money, not presented to the Association and acted on at its meetings, shall be submitted to the Committee for its action. Full minutes of the proceedings of the Committee shall be kept and laid before the Association at its meetings.

*Section 6.* The Executive Committee may appoint from their number, or from the Association, a Devotional and such Standing or Special Committees, from time to time, as may be found necessary.

*Section 7.* The President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer of the Association, shall form a Board of Administration, who shall have charge of the business interests of the Association, the care of its property, and the execution of the plans and orders of the Association or of the Executive Committee, employing all agents, sub-officers or

laborers which may be found needful by the the Executive Committee. They shall grant all permits for the erection of buildings, under such rules and regulations as may be adopted by the Association or Executive Committee. They shall see that all Leases of Property, belonging to the Association, are made in writing, and the rent properly secured and promptly collected. They shall divide the Hotels and Boarding Houses into three classes, until otherwise directed by the Association or Executive Committee, the rates for privilege of keeping the same to be fixed by said Association or Executive Committee, and shall see that permits for the same are in writing, and signed by the owners of the property on which they are situated; and shall attend to the prompt collection of the rates, keeping a record thereof. They shall, also, promptly collect all other moneys due the Association. They shall keep an account of all moneys received and disbursed by them, making full detailed reports in writing, monthly, with any recommendations which they may have to offer; and their books shall, at all times, be open for inspection by the Executive Committee or the Association. Pay all accounts, over five dollars, by check of the Treasurer, countersigned by the Cashier, and all Pay Rolls and Bills monthly. Appoint a Superintendent of Grounds, and a Book-keeper and Cashier subject to the approval of the Executive Committee. The Book-keeper and Cashier to give Bonds with security, in an amount not less than Five Thousand Dollars. He shall have charge of the Office of the Association, Books and Papers, receive all moneys and pay the same to the Treasurer weekly. He shall examine all bills presented, and before payment, obtain the certificate of the Officers or Committee ordering the same. The Board to hold meetings at the Office of the Association bi-monthly.

#### ARTICLE V.—LOT-HOLDERS.

Lots may be leased for ninety-nine years, or less time, subject to renewal, if none of the conditions have been violated, to parties who may be vouched for as of good moral character and in sympathy with the objects of this Association, approved by the President in writing, subject to such rules and regulations as may be adopted by the Association or Executive Committee from time to time. All transfers of lots shall be subject to the approval of the President, written or endorsed on the lease, and shall be duly recorded on the Lot-Books of the Association. Lots shall only be used or occupied as private residences from the first day of April, until the thirtieth day of October of each year, except in special cases for the general convenience, to be allowed in each case by the action of the Association or Executive Committee, under such rules and conditions as may generally or specially be prescribed. No building



shall be erected upon said lots, unless a permit for the same shall have been obtained from the Board of Administration, the plans including front and side elevations, of which shall first be submitted to said Board, and the erection thereof shall at all times be under their supervision.

#### ARTICLE VI.—MEETINGS.

*Section 1.* The Annual Meeting of the Association shall be held on the second Tuesday of October in each year, and a Semi-Annual Meeting on the second Tuesday in May. Eleven members shall constitute a quorum.

*Section 2.* Special Meetings of the Association may be held at the call of the President, or when requested by at least three members, upon the same notice to members which is required for the Annual Meeting.

*Section 3.* The Camp-Meetings held under the auspices of the Association, shall be under the supervision of the Executive Committee; provided, that under no circumstances shall the grounds be open to the public on the Sabbath, nor shall any privileges be granted for anything not deemed necessary by said Committee.

*Section 4.* Any Officer absenting himself from two regular meetings of the Association or Executive Committee, his place may be declared vacant, unless a valid excuse be rendered, and the vacancy filled by the Executive Committee until the next Annual Election.

*Section 5.* Any Member absenting himself from two regular meetings of the Association, without valid excuse given, a vacancy may be declared and his place filled.

#### ARTICLE VII.—ORDER OF BUSINESS.

At all stated meetings the order of business shall be

1. Singing and Prayer.
2. Calling of the Roll.
3. Reading and Approving the Minutes of Previous Meetings.
4. Reports of Committees.
5. Reports from Officers.
6. Miscellaneous Business.
7. Prayer and Adjournment.

#### ARTICLE VIII.—AMENDMENTS

These By-Laws may be altered or amended by a vote of three-fourths of the Association present at any Annual or Semi-Annual Meeting.









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